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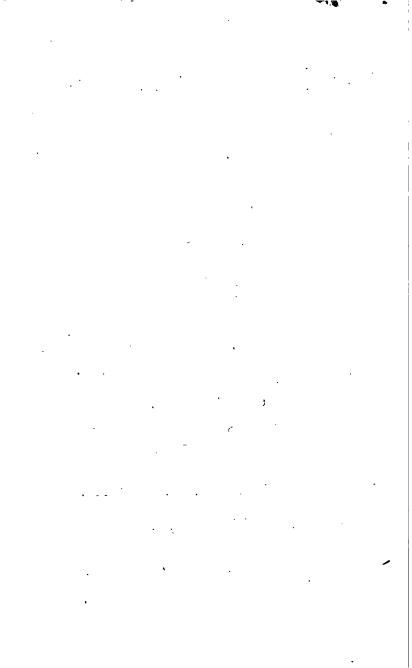
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ANECDOTES OF PAINTING, &c.

CHAP. I.

Painters and other Artists in the Reign of, JAMES I.

T was well for the arts that King James had no disposition to them: He let them take their own course. Had he felt any inclination for them, he would probably have introduced as bad a taste as he did into literature. A Prince who thought puns and quibbles the perfection of eloquence, would have been charmed with the monkies of Hemskirk and the drunken boors of Ostade. James loved his ease and his pleasures, and hated novelties. He gave himself up to hunting, and hunted in the most cumbrous and inconvenient of all dresses, a ruff and trowser breeches. nobility kept up the magnificence they found established by Queen Elizabeth, in which predominated a want of taste, rather than a bad one. In more ancient times the mansions of the great lords, were, as I have mentioned before, built for defence and strength Vol. II.

strength rather than convenience. The walls thick, the windows pierced wherever it was most necessary for them to look abroad, inflead of being contrived for fymmetry or to illuminate the chambers. To that Ryle fucceeded the richness and delicacy of the Gothic. As this declined, before the Grecian taste was established, space and vastness feem to have made their whole ideas of grandeur. The palaces erected in the reign of Elizabeth by the memorable * Countess of Shrewibury, Elizabeth of Hardwicke, are exactly in this style. The apartments are lofty and enormous, and they knew not how to furnish them. Pictures, had they had good ones, would be loft in chambers of fuch height: Tapestry, their chief moveable, was not commonly perfect enough to be real magnificence. Fretted cielings, gracefull mouldings of windows, and paint-La gials, the ornaments of the preceding

It is a tradition in the family of Cavendish that a fortune-teller had told her, that she should not die while she was building; accordingly she bestowed a great deal of the wealth she had obtained from three husbands in creeking large seats at Hardwicke, Chatsworth, Bolsover, and Oldcotes, and I think, at Worksop; and died in a hard frost when the workmen could not labour.

age, were fallen into difule. Immense lights composed of bad glass in diamond panes, cast an air of poverty on their most costly apartments. That at Hardwicke, still preserved as it was furnished for the reception and emprisonment of the Queen of Scots, is a curious picture of that age and style. Nothing can exceed the expence in the bed of state, in the hangings of the same chamber, and of the coverings for the tables. The first is cloth of gold, cloth of silver, velvets of different colours, lace, fringes and embroidery. The hangings confift of figures, large as life, representing the virtues and vices, embroidered on grounds of white and black velvet. The cloths to cast over the tables are embroidered and emboffed with gold on velvets and damasks. The only moveables of any taste are the cabinets and tables themselves, carved in oak. The chimnies are wide enough for a hall or kitchen, and over the arras are freezes of many feet deep with miserable relievos in stucco representing huntings. There and in all the great manlions of that age is a gallery, remarkable only for its extent. That at Hardwicke is of fixty yards.

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James built, no palace himself. Those erected by the Nobles in his reign are much like what I have been describing. Audleyinn, one of the wonders of that age, deserved little notice but for the prodigious space it covered. Towards the end of that monarch's reign genius was called out and appeared. The magnificent temper or taste of the Duke of Buckingham led him to collect pictures, and pointed out the study of them to Prince Charles. Rubens came over, Inigo Jones arose, and architecture broke forth in all the lustre and purity of Rome and Athens-But before I come to that period, I must clear my way by some account of the preceding artists. The first

painter

Digdale, writing after the days of Inigo Jones, fays, that this house was not to be equalled by any fabric in this realm, excepting Hampton-court. There are prints of Audley-inn in its grandeur by Winstanley, who lived at Littlebury near it, where, within my memory, was his house, remarkable for several mechanic tricks, known by the name of WINSTANLEY'S WONDERS. His plates of Audley-inn are extant, but the prints are very scarce. Part of the edifice was taken down about forty years ago, and a greater part, with the magnificent gallery, was demolished after the decease of the last Earl of Suffolk of that line.

painter who feems to have arrived after the accession of James was

PAUL VANSOMER,

a native of Antwerp. The accounts of him are extremely deficient, no author of the lives of painters mentioning him but Carl Vermander, who only fays that Vansomer was living when he wrote, and then resided with his brother Bernard at Amsterdam. Yet Vansomer as a painter of portraits was a very able master. The picture of the Lord Chamberlain William Earl of Pembroke, half length at St. James's, is an admirable portrait, and a whole length at Chatsworth of the first Earl of Devonshire in his robes, though ascribed to Mytens, I should think was painted by the same hand. Mytens was much colder in his colouring and stiff in his drawing. * Both these portraits are bold

* Mytens improved so much in his later portraits, that this character must be read with allowances; and on studying more of his works, I cannot determine whether the portrait at Chatsworth is not painted by him, as constant tradition says it was. In general, the portraits by Vansomer and Mytens, when at whole length, may be thus distinguished; Vansomer commonly placed his on a mat; Mytens, on a carpet.

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and round, and the chiaro scuro good. The Earl of Devonshire is equal to the pencil of Vandyck, and one of the finest single sigures I have seen. In what year Vansomer came to England we do not know; certainly as early as 1606, between which and 1620 he did several pictures. I shall mention but a few, that are indubitably his, from whence by comparison his manner may be known.

James I. at Windfor, behind him a view of Whitehall.

Anne of Denmark, with a prospect of the west end of St. Paul's.

The fame King at Hampton-court, armour lying by him on the ground; better than the former. Dated 1615.

His Queen in blue, with a horse and dogs; also at Hampton-court. This picture is imitated in the tapestry at Houghton.

Three ladies, 1615, at Ditchley; Lady Morton in purple; another, with yellow lace about her neck and a gauze fcarf: the third in black with a crape over her forehead.

Lord Chancellor Bacon and his brother Nicholas at Gorhambury.

Sir Simon Weston, brother of Lord Treafurer Portland, whole length with a pike in his hand, 1608, set. 43. This piece was in the possession of the Lord Chief Justice Raymond.

Marquis of Hamilton with the white staff, at Hampson-court.

Vansomer died about the age of fortyfive, and was buried at St. Martin's in the Fields as appears by the register; Jan. 5, 1621. Paulus Vansomer, pictor eximius, sepultus suit in ecclesia.

CORNELIUS JANSEN,

generally, but inaccurately, called Johnfon, was, according to Sandrart, born in
London of Flemish parents; but Vertue,
and the author of an Essay towards an English school, say it was at Amsterdam, where
the latter afferts that he resided long, the
former that he came over young; which,
considering how late he lived, I should be
inclined to believe, if Vertue did not at the
same time pronounce that his earliest performances are his best: So good a style of
colouring was hardly formed here. His
pictures are easily * distinguished by their

^{*} He sometimes put this mark on his pictures of

clearness, neatness and smoothness. They are generally painted on board, and except being a little stiff, are often strongly mark-: ed with a fair character of nature, and remarkable for a lively tranquillity in the countenances. His draperies are seldom but black. I have two portraits by him of singular merit; one of Mr. Leneve, master of the company of merchant-taylors; the other of Sir George Villiers, sather of the great Duke of Buckingham, less handsome, but extremely like his son. One of his hands rests on the head of a greyhound, as sine as the animals of Snyder.

Jansen's first works in England are dated about 1618. He dwelt in the Black-friars, and had much business. His price for a head was five broad pieces. He painted too in small in oil, and often copied his own works in that manner. In the family of Verney were the portraits of Sir Robert Heath and his lady in both sizes. At Cashiobury is a large piece, curious, but so inferior to Jansen's general manner, that is his name were not to it, I shou'd doubt it's being of his hand. It represents Arthur Lord Capel, who was beheaded, his Lady and Children. Behind them is a view of the

the Garden at Hadham, at that time the chief feat of the family. Between the years 1630 and 1640 Jansen lived much in Kent. at a small village called Bridge near Barhamdown, and drew many portraits for gentlemen in the neighbourhood, particularly of the families of Auger, Palmer, Hammond and Bowyer. One of his best works: was the picture of a Lady Bowyer, of the family of Auger, called for her exquisite beauty The Star in the East. At Sherburn Castle in Dorsetshire is a head of Elizabeth Wriothesley eldest daughter of Henry Earl of Southampton, and wife of William Lord Spenfer, her head richly dreffed, and a picture in a blue enamelled case at her breast. This picture is well coloured, tho' not equalto another at the same seat, a half length of her mother, Elizabeth, daughter of John Vernon, wife of Earl Henry. Her cloaths are magnificent, and the attire of her head, fingular, a veil turned quite back. The face and hands are coloured with incomparable lustre, and equal to any thing this master. executed. There is also a half length in black fatten of John Digby, first Earl of Briftol, young and remarkably handsome. It is ascribed to Jansen, but is faintly colour-

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ed, and evidently in the manner of Vandyck, whom perhaps he imitated as well as givalled.

Jansen's fame declined * on the arrival of Vandyck, and the civil war breaking out, Cornelius, at the importunity of his wife, quitted England. His pass is recorded in the Journals of the Commons:

October 10, 1648. Ordered, that Cornelius Johnson, picture-drawer, shall have Mr. Speaker's warrant to pass beyond seas with Emanuel Passe, George Hawkins; and to carry with him such pictures and colours, bedding, houshold stuff, pewter, and brass, as belongs unto himself.

He retired first to Midelburg and then to Amsterdam, where he continued to paint and died in 1665. † His wife's name was Elizabeth Beck, to whom he was married in 1622. They had a son Cornelius, bred to his father's profession, which he followed in Holland, where he died poor, being ruined by the extravagance of a second wife. The son drew the Duke of Monmouth's picture,

[•] At Lord Pomfret's at Easton was a portrait of Charles I, by Jansen.

[†] Sandrart, p. 314.

as he was on the point of failing for his wafortunate expedition to England.

A fifter of Cornelius Jansen the elder was fecond wife of + Nicasius Russel or Roussel of Bruges, jeweller to the Kings James and Charles the first. They had many children. To one of the fons born in 1619 Cornelius Jansen was godfather, and the widow of Isaac Oliver, godmother. Theodore Ruffel, an elder fon was born in 1614, and lived nine years with his uncle Cornelius Jansen, and afterwards with Vandyck, whose pictures he copied very tolerably on small pannels; many of them are in a private apartment at Windsor, at Warwick-castle, and in the collection of the Duchess Dowager of Argyle. Russel chiefly was employed in the country in the families of the Earls of Effex and Holland, and was a lover of hisease and his bottle. He was father of Antony Russel, a painter, from whom Vertue received these particulars, and at whose house he saw a picture of Cornelius Jansen, his wife and fon, drawn by Adrian Hanne-

[†] In the catalogue of King Charles's pictures is mentioned a portrait drawn by George Spence of Nuremberg, and bought of Nicasius Russel, p. 135.

man, who courted Jansen's niece, but was disappointed.

DANIEL MYTENS

of the Hague, was an admired painter in the reigns of King James and King Charles. He had certainly studied the works of Rubens before his coming over; his landscape in the back grounds of his portraits is evidently in the style of that school; and some of his works have been taken for Vandyck's. The date of his arrival is not certain; probably it was in hopes of fucceeding Van Somer; but though he drew feveral of the court, he was not formally employed as the King's painter 'till the reign of Charles. His patent is preserved in Rymer's Foedera, vol. xviii. p. 3.

I found the minute of the docquet warrant for this among the Conway papers in thefe words:

· The office of one of his majesty's picturedrawers in ordinary, with the fee of 20 l. per ann. graunted to Daniell Mitens during his Subscribed by order from the Lord Chamberlain. Procured by Mr. Endimyon Porter, May 30, 1625. en 🐃

And

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ing docquet-warrant;

July 31, 1626. A warrant to the exchequer to paie unto Daniell Mittens his majesty's picturer the somme of 125 l. for divers pictures by him delivered to sondry persons by his majesty's special direction. By order of the Lord Chamberlaine of his majesty's houshold, procured by the Lord Conway.

At Hampton-court are feveral whole lengths of Princes and Princesses of the house of Brunswick-Lunenburgh, and the portrait of Charles Howard Earl of Nottingham; at Kensington is Mytens's own head. At Knowle, Lionel Cranfield Earl of Middlesex, Lord Treasurer, with his white staff, whole length. A fmall bell on the table has these letters D. M. F. 1623. It was more common for him to paint a flip of paper on his pictures, inscribed only with the names or titles of the persons represented. At Lady Elizabeth Germain's at Drayton, is a very fine whole length of Henry Rich Earl of Holland, in a striped habit with a walk. ing flick. At St. James's * is Jeffery Hud-

* The picture of the Queen of Scots at St. James's is a copy by Mytens.

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Ion the dwarf, holding a dog by a string, in a landscape, coloured warmly and freely like Snyder or Rubens. Mytens drew the same figure in a very large picture of Charles I. and his Queen, which was in the possession of the late Earl of Dunmore, but the single figure is much better painted. The history of this diminutive personage was so remarkable, that the reader will perhaps not dislike the digression.

* He was born at Oakham in Rutland-Thire in 1619, and about the age of seven or eight, being then but eighteen inches high, was retained in the fervice of the Duke of Buckingham, who resided at Burleigh on the Hill. Soon after the marriage of Charles I. the King and Queen being entertained at Burleigh, little Jeffery was ferved up to table in a cold pye, and presented by the Duchess to the Queen, who kept him as her dwarf. From feven years of age 'till thirty he never grew taller; but after thirty he shot up to three feet nine inches, and there fixed. Jeffery became a confiderable part of the entertainment of the court. Sir William Davenant wrote a poem called

See Fuller and Wright's Rutlandshire.

Teffreidos, on a battel between him and a * turkey-cock, and in 1638 was published a very small book called The New-year's Gift, presented at court from the Lady Parvula to the Lord Minimus (commonly called little Jeffery) her majesty's fervant, &c. written by Microphilus, with a little print of Jeffery prefixed. Before this period Jeffery was employed on a negotiation of great importance: He was sent to France to fetch a midwife for the Queen, and on his return with this gentlewoman, and her majefty's dancing-mafter, and many rich presents to the Queen from her mother Mary de Medici, he was taken by the Dunkirkers. † Jeffery, thus made of consequence, grew to think himself really so. He had born with little temper the teazing of the courtiers and domestics, and had many fouabbles with the King's gigantic porter; I at last being provoked by Mr. Crofts.

The scene is laid at Dunkirk, and the midwife rescues him from the fury of his antagonist.

⁺ It was in 1630. Besides the present he was bringing for the Queen, he loft to the value of 2500 l. that he had received in France on his own account from the Queen-mother and ladies of that court.

¹ A bastelief of this dwarf and giant is to be seen. fixed

Crofts, a young gentleman of family, a challenge enfued, and Mr. Crofts coming to the rendezvous armed only with a fquirt, . the little creature was fo enraged that a real duel enfued, and the appointment being on horseback with pistols, to put them more on a level, Jeffery with the first fire shot his antagonist dead. This happened in France whither he had attended his mistress in the troubles. He was again taken prisoner by a Turkish rover, and sold into Barbary. He probably did not long remain in flavery; for at the beginning of the civil war he was made a captain in the royal army, and in 1644 attended the Queen to France where he remained 'till the restoration. At last upon fuspicion of his being privy to the Popish plot, he was taken up in 1682, and confined in the gate-house Westminster, where he ended his life in the fixty-third year of his age.

fixed in the front of a house near the end of Bagnio-court on the east side of Newgate-street. Probably it was a sign. Oliver Cromwell too had a porter of an enormous height, whose standard is recorded by a large O on the back of the terrace at Windsor, almost under the window of the gallery. This man went mad and prophecied. In Whitechapel was a sign of him taken from a print of St. Peter.

Mytens

Mytens remained in great reputation 'till the arrival of Vandyck, who being appointed the King's principal painter, the former in difgust asked his majesty's leave to retire to his own country; but the King learning the cause of his dissatisfaction, treated him with much kindness, and told him that he could find sufficient employment both for him and Vandyck; Mytens consented to stay, and even grew intimate, it is probable, with his rival, for the head of † Mytens is one of those painted among the professors by that great master.

Whether the same jealousy operated again, or real decline of business influenced him; or any other cause, Mytens did not stay much longer in England. We find none of his works here after the year 1630. Yet he lived many years afterwards. Houbraken quotes a register at the Hague dated in 1656, at which time it says Mytens painted part of the cieling of the town-hall there; the subject is, Truth writing history on the back of Fame.

These were the most considerable painters

[†] In some of the first impressions the name of Isaac appears in this plate, instead of Daniel. It was corrected afterwards.

in oil in the reign of James: There were undoubtedly several others of inserior rank, whose names are not come down to us, except two or three; and of one of those I find nothing but this short note from Baglione.*

Christophano Roncalli, pittore, andò per la Germania, per la Fiandra, per l'Olanda, per l'Ingbilterra, per la Francia; e finalmente carico d'honori e di 74 anni finì il corso 1626. † I should not mention such slight notices, but that they may lead to farther discoveries. Another was a more remarkable person, especially in the subsequent reign; but in a work of this nature it is impossible not to run the subjects of one chapter into those of another, taking care however to distribute them, as they serve best to carry on the chronologic series. His name was

ROBERT PEAKE.

The earliest mention of him that appears is in the ‡ books of the Lord Harrington Treasurer of the Chambers, N°. 78, 79, be-

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⁺ He died at Rome.

They were in the collection of the late Dr. Raw-linfon.

ing accounts of monies received and paid by him;

Item, paid to Robert Peake, † picture-maker, by warrant from the council October 4, 1612, for three several pictures made by him at the commandment of the Duke of York his officers, and given away and disposed of by the Duke's Grace, twenty pounds.

It does not appear whether these pistures were in oil or water-colours; I should rather suppose portraits in miniature of (King Charles the First then) Duke of York; but that Peake painted in oil is ascertained by Peacham in his book of limning, where he expressly celebrates his good friend Mr. Peake and Mr. Marquis ‡ for oil-colours. Peacham himself was a limner, as he tells us in the same book, having presented a copy of his majesty's Basilicon Doron illuminated to Prince Henry.

Peake was originally a picture-feller by Holbourn-bridge, and had the honour of

[†] Mr. Pennant in his Tour to Scotland vol. ii. p. 12. mentions a family picture done by one Tobias Ratcliff, but by the account he was rather a picture-maket than a painter, in this reign.

I Of this man I find no other mention.

being Faithorn's master, and what perhaps he thought a greater honour, was knighted at Oxford, March 28, 1645. The diforders of the times confounding all profeffions, and no profession being more bound in gratitude to take up arms in the defence of King Charles, Sir Robert Peake entered into the service and was made a Lieutenantcolonel and had a command in Basing-house when it was besieged, where he persuaded his disciple Faithorn to inlist under him, as the latter in his dedication of the art of graving to Sir Robert expresly tells him, and where Peake himself was taken prisoner. † He was buried in the church of St. Stephen London. ‡

Miniature makes a great figure in this reign by the luftre thrown on it by

PETER OLIVER,

the eldest fon of Isaac Oliver, and worthy of being compared with his father. In some respects the son even appears the greater

master,

⁺ See a Letter from Oliver Cromwell to the Speaker of the House of Commons, on the reduction of Basinghouse. Printed in the Annual Register for 1761.

¹ Payne Fisher's catal. of monuments.

master, as he did not confine his talent to fingle heads. Peter copied in water-colours feveral capital pictures with fignal fuccefs. By the catalogues of King Charles 1. and King James II. it appears that there were thirteen pieces of this master in the royal collection, chiefly historic miniatures; feven of them are still preserved in Queen Caroline's closet at Kenfington. At the Earl of Exeter's at Burleigh is the story of Venus and Adonis, painted by Peter, and dated 1631. Vertue mentions another, which was in Mr. Halsted's sale in May, 1726; it represented Joseph, the Virgin, and the Child a-fleep, eight inches wide and five high. On it was written his name, with the termination French, P. Olivier fecit, 1628. Another piece, a fine drawing in Indian ink, was copied by him from a picture of Raphael in the collection of King Charles, St. John presenting a cross to the Child, kneeling before the Virgin. The original was fold after the King's death to the Spanish Embassador for 600 l. Jerome Laniere bought Peter's drawing, and fold it for twenty guineas to Mr. John Evelyn, from whom it came to the present Sir John Evelyn. The Duke of Devonshire has the portrait of Edward 6th, when B 3

when an infant, the drapery highly ornamented and finished; a copy from Holbein. * Lady Elizabeth Germain has at Drayton the Madonna and Child. The finest work of Peter Oliver in my opinion is the head of his own wife, in the cabinet of the Duchess of Portland: It is life itself. doubt whether his father ever excelled this piece. I have a head of the same woman drawn with black lead on the leaf of a vellom pocket-book; on the reverse is his own portrait in profile; both masterly: And in black and red chalk I have a boy's head, larger than he generally painted, of great nature and vivacity. At Kensington below stairs is the portrait of Peter Oliver by Hanneman, who painted the wife too; but I know not where the latter is. †

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In the first edition I, by mistake, ascribed this to Isaac Oliver, but Peter's mark is upon it.

i Since this work was first published, a valuable treasure of the works of this master and of his father Trace, was discovered in an old house in Wales, which belonged to a descendent of Sir Kenelm Digby. The latest are dated 1633; but being inclosed in ivory and ebony cases, and the whole collection locked up in a wainfcot box, they are as perfectly preserved as if newly painted. They all reprefent Sir Kenelm and persons related to or connected with him. There are three

It is extraordinary that more of the works † of this excellent master are not known, as he commonly made duplicates of his pictures, reserving one of each for himself. On this subject Russel the painter, related to or connected with the Olivers, told Vertue a remarkable story. The greater part of the collection of King Charles being dispersed in the troubles, among which were several of the Olivers, Charles II. who re-

three portraits of himself, six of his beloved wise at different ages, and three triplicates of his mistres, all three by Isaac Oliver, as is Lady Digby's mother, which I have mentioned before. But the capital work is a large miniature copied from Vandyck, of Sir Kenelm, his wise and two sons, the most beautifull piece of the fize that I believe exists. There is a duplicate of Sir Kenelm and Lady Digby from the same picture, and though of not half the volume, still more highly sinished. This last piece is set in gold, richly inlaid with slowers in enamel, and shuts like a book. All these with several others I purchased as a great price, but they are not to be matched.

* Sir Andrew Fountaine lost many miniatures by a fire at White's original chocolate house in St. James's street, about thirty years ago, where he had hired two rooms for a repository of part of his collection. Probably some of the works of the Olivers, of Cooper, &c. were destroyed there.

† Peter Oliver etched a few small histories, but Vertue does not specify the subjects.

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membered, and was defirous of recovering them, made many inquiries about them after the restoration. At last he was told by one Rogers * of Isleworth that both the father and fon were dead, but that the fon's widow was living at Isleworth and had many of their works. The King went very privately and unknown with Rogers to fee them; the widow showed several finished and unfinished, with many of which the King being pleased, asked if she would sell them: She replied, she had a mind the King should see them first, and if he did not purchase them, she should think of disposing of The King discovered himself, on which she produced some more pictures which the feldom thowed. The King defired her to set her price; she said, she did not care to make a price with his majesty, she would leave it to him; but promifed to look over her husband's books and let his majesty know what prices his father the late King had paid. The King took away what he liked, and fent Rogers to Mrs. Oliver

^{*} Vertue says he was very great at court; it was probably Progers, well known for being employed in the King's private pleasures. See Memoires de Grammont.

with the option of 1000 l. or an annuity of 300 l. for her life. She chose the latter. Some years afterwards it happened that the King's mistresses having begged all or most of these pictures, Mrs. Oliver, who was probably a prude and apt to express herself like a prude, said, on hearing it, that if she had thought the King would have given them to such whores, and strumpets and bastards, he never should have had them. This reached the court, the poor woman's salary was stopped, and she never received it afterwards. The rest of the limnings which the King had not taken, fell into the hands of Mrs. Russel's sather.

Peter Oliver, fays Vertue, died about the year 1664, aged near 60; but this must be a mistake, as his father's drawing at Kenfington finished by the son is dated 1616, when by that account Peter was not above twelve years old. From his age and the story of his widow it is more likely that he died before the restoration. Probably the date 1664 should be 1654. He was buried with his father in the Black-fryars.

As in none of these accounts mention is made of any children of Peter Oliver, I conclude that Isaac Oliver, glass-painter, born

in 1616, was fon of the younger brother James. Among the verses printed by the university of Cambridge in 1638 on the death of Mr. Edward King, Milton's Lycidas, one of the English copies is inscribed, Isaac Oliver, * who, I suppose, was the glass-painter, and then about the age of twenty-two, as appears from the following inscription on a painted window in Christchurch Oxford, Oliver aetat. fuae 84, anno 1700, pinxit deditque. The story is St. Peter delivered out of prison, the drawing and execution good, but the colouring in some parts faint. The long life of this perfon, † estimable for his own merit and that of his family, ferved almost alone to preferve the fecret of painting on glass - a fecret which however has never been lost, as I shall show in a moment by a regular

Peck's life of Milton, p. 36.

[†] After the fire of London he was employed jointly with Mr. Hooke in surveying and laying out the ground for rebuilding the city. See Biogr. Britann. vol. iv. p. 2654, marginal note. There is a mezzotinto of Egbert Hemskirk sould by J. Oliver at the Eagle and Child on Luddgate-hill; and another of James 2d on his throne with addressers thanking him for his declaration of liberty of conscience. V. Granger's catalogue of English heads.

series of the professors. The first interruption given to it was by the reformation, which banished the art out of churches; yet it was in some measure kept up in the escutcheons of the nobility and gentry in the windows of their feats. Towards the end of Queen Elizabeth it was omitted even there, yet the practice did not entirely cease. The chapel of our Lady at Warwick was ornamented a-new by Robert Dudley Earl of Leicester and his Countess, and the cypher of the glass-painter's name yet remains with the date 1574; and in some of the chapels at Oxford the art again appears dating itself in 1622 by the hand of no contemptible I could supply even the gap of forty-eight years by many dates on Flemish glass, but nobody ever supposed that the secret was lost so early as the reign of James I. and that it has not perished since will be evident from the following feries reaching to the present hour.

The portraits in the windows of the library at All-Souls, Oxford.

In the chapel at Queen's-college twelve windows, dated 1518.

PC a cypher on the painted glass in the chapel at Warwick, 1574.

The windows at Wadham-college; the drawing pretty good, and the colours fine, by Bernard Van Linge, 1622.

In the chapel at Lincoln's-inn, a whidow with the name of Bernard, 1623. This was probably the preceding Van Linge.

In the chapel at Wroxton stories from the Bible by Bernard Van Linge, 1632.

In Christ-church, Oxford, by Abraham Van Linge, 1640.

In the church of St. Leonard Shoreditch, two windows by Baptista Sutton, 1634.

The East window in the chapel at University-college. Hen. Giles * pinxit, 1687. There are eight or ten more dated 1640.

—at Christ-church, Isaac Oliver, aged 84, 1700.

Window in Merton-chapel, William Price, † 1700.

Windows at Queen's, New-college and Maudlin, by William Price, the fon, now

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In Mr. Thoresby's museum was "the picture of Mr. Henry Gyles (called there) the famous glass painter at York, wrote in mezzotinto by the celebrated Mr. Francis Place, when that art was known to few others. Bought with other curiosis is of Mr. Gyles's executors." See Thoresby's Ducatus __codiensis, page 492.

⁺ He died in 1722.

living, * whose colours are fine, whose drawing good, and whose taste in ornaments and mosaic is far superior to any of his predecelfors, is equal to the antique, to the good Italian masters, and only surpassed by his own singular modelty †.

EDWARD

• He died a batchelor at his house in Great Kirbykreet Hatton-garden, July 16, 1765.

† It may not be unwelcome to the curious reader to fee some anecdotes of the revival of taste for painted glass in England. Price, as I have said, was the only painter in that ftyle for many years in England. Afterwards, one Rowell, a plumber at Reading, did fome things, particularly for the late Henry Earl of Pembroke, but Rowell's colours soon vanished. At last he found out a very durable and beautifull red, but he died in a year or two and the secret with him. A man at Birmingham began the same art in 1756, or 57. and fitted up a window for Lord Lyttelton in the church of Hagley, but soon broke. A little after him one Peckitt at York, began the same business, and has made good proficience. A few lovers of the art collected some dispersed panes from ancient buildings, particularly the late Lord Cobham, who erected a gothic temple at Stowe, and filled it with arms of the old Nobility, &c. About the year 1753, one Asciotti an Italian, who had married a Flemish woman, brought a parcel of painted glass from Flanders, and fold it for a very few guineas to the Hon. Mr. Bateman of Old Windsor. Upon that I sent Asciotti again to Flanders,

EDWARD NORGATE,

though of a very inferior walk in the profession, deserves to be remembered for his uncommon excellence in his way. He was son of Dr. Robert Norgate, master of Bennet-college Cambridge, where Edward was born. He was brought up by Nicholas Felton Bishop of Ely who married his mother, and who observing his inclination to limning and heraldry, permitted him to indulge his genius. As he had good judgment in pictures, he was sent into Italy by the great collector, Thomas Earl of Arundel, to make purchases for him, but return-

who brought me 450 pieces, for which, including the expence of his journey, I paid him thirty-fix guineas. His wife made more journeys for the fame purpose, and sold her cargoes to one Palmer, a glazier in St. Martin's-lane, who immediately raised the price to one, two, five guineas for a single piece, and fitted up entire windows with them, and with mosaics of plain glass of different colours. In 1761, Paterson an auctioneer at Essex-house in the Strand, exhibited the first auctions of painted glass, imported in like manner from Flanders, All this manufacture consisted in rounds of scripture-stories, stained in black and yellow, or in small figures of black and white, birds and slowers in colours, and Flemish coats of arms.

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ing by Marseilles and by some accident being disappointed of the remittances he expected, and totally unknown there, he was observed by a French gentleman to walk many hours every day on the cours in a disconsolate manner. The gentleman inquiring into his circumstances, told him, that perceiving he was able to walk at least twenty miles a day, if he would set out on his journey homewards, he would surnish him handsomely for a sootman, by which affistance Norgate arrived in his own country. Among the accounts of the Lord Harrington quoted above, is the following entry;

Paid to Edward Norgate by warrant from the council April 24, 1613, for his paynes taken to write and lymne in gold and colours certain letters written from his majeffy to the King of Persia, the sum of ten pounds.

These letters were undoubtedly in answer to those brought by that singular adventurer Sir Antony Shirley, embassador from the Sophy to his own sovereign.

The warrant for restoring the use of the

^{*} Fuller's Worthies in Cambridgeshire.

old English march; which I have set forth in the Catalogue of Noble Authors, was illuminated by this person; but the best evidence of his abilities is a curious patent lately discovered. The present Earl of Stirling received from a relation an old box of neglected writings, among which he found the original commission of Charles I. appointing his Lordship's predecessor Alexander Earl of Stirling commander in chief of Nova-Scotia with the confirmation of the grant of that province made by James I. In the initial letter are the portraits of the King fitting on the throne delivering the patent to the Earl, and round the border reprefentations in miniature of the customs, huntings, fishings and productions of the counttry, all in the highest preservation, and so admirably executed, that it was believed of the pencil of Vandyck. But as I know no instance of that master having painted in this manner, I cannot doubt but it was the work of Norgate, allowed the best illuminator of that age, and generally employed, fays Fuller, to make the initial letters in the patents of Peers and commissions of Embassadors. Fuller concludes his account of him in these words; "He was an excellent

cellent herald by the title of ———, and which was the crown of all, a right honest man. Exemplary his patience in his sickness (whereof I was an eye witness) though a complication of diseases, stone, ulcer in the bladder, &c. seized on him." He died at the Herald's office Dec. 23, 1650.

SOLOMON DE CAUS,

a Gascon, was Prince Henry's drawing-master. All ‡ we know of him is that in 1612, the year of the Prince's death, he published a book, intituled, La Perspective ou Raison des ombres et miroirs, with several engraved plates, solio. § It is addressed from Richmond palace to Prince Henry,

It is extraordinary that Fuller who was acquainted with him, did not know the title of his office. It appears by the warrant for the march that Norgate was Windfor-herald. He was also clerk of the fignet. V. Masters's History of Corpus Christi Coll. Camb. P. 118.

‡ I have learnt that the front of Wilton by Inigo Jones was conducted by this De Caus.

§ From prints in that book I should think that he was brother of Isaac de Caus, and affished him in building the porticos and loggias of Gorhambury, and at least, part of Camden-house near Kensington.

v. Brit. Topogr. vol. ii. 375.

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after he had been, as he tells his Highness, two or three years in his service; and another tract in solio on mechanic powers, 1682.

This young Prince was a great lover of the arts, and laid the foundation of the collection, which his brother compleated. The medals were purchased by him, and Vanderdort, in his catalogue, mentions feveral statues and pictures which King Charles inherited from Prince Henry. In the appendix to Birch's life of this Prince are several letters from Sir Edward Conway, in one * of which he mentions having bought a picture of the Four Evangelists, whom he calls affectedly, the most faithfull, glorious and excellent secretaries that ever were to the infinite incomprehensible Prince; desiring Mr. Adam Newton, secretary to the most hopefull, powerfull and glorious earthly Prince, to present it to his Royal Highness; and in others is much talk of a negotiation in which he was employed by the same Prince to engage an eminent painter of Delft to come to England. This was Mireveldt, who had many follicitations afterwards from King Charles. on the same head; but none succeeded.

The printed letters are from the Harleian MSS. and describe Mireveldt as very fantastic and capricious. Mr. West has two others, one from Mireveldt to Sir Edward Conway, the other from Sir Edward, in which appears the cause of Mireveldt's uncertainty; he was afraid of being stayed in England by authority, and stipulated that he should have liberty to return in three months. - In 1625 he had again engaged to come, but was prevented by the breaking out of the plague. Mireveldt is faid to have painted five thousand portraits; there are fome in England of his hand, as Henry Earl of Southampton at Woburn; Sir Ralph Winwood; a fine whole length at Kimbolton of Robert Rich Earl of Warwick, and a print of Robert Earl of Lindsey by Vorst 1631, was engraved from a picture of Mireveldt, but these portraits must have been painted when those persons followed the wars and their business abroad.

It was in the reign of King James that the * manufacture of tapestry was set up at C 2 Mortlack

The art of weaving tapestry was brought into England by William Sheldon, Esq; about the end of the reign

Mortlack in Surrey. Aubrey in his history of that county dates it's institution in the subsequent reign; but Loyd † is not only positive for the former aera, but assimple that at the motion of King James himself, who gave two thousand pounds towards the undertaking, Sir Francis Crane erected the house at Mortlack for the execution of the design; and this is confirmed by authentic evidence: In Rymer's Foedera ‡ is an acknowledgment from King Charles in the very first year of his reign that he owes 6000 l. to Sir Francis Crane for tapestry;

Francisco Crane militi A. D. 1625.

For three fuits of gold tapestry for our use we stand indebted to Sir Francis Crane for 6000 l. Granted to him an annuity of 1000 l. To Sir Francis Crane also allowed more 2000 l. yearly for the better maintenance of the said worke of tapestries for ten years to come.

It is plain by this deed that the manu-

reign of Houry VIII. See Dugdale's Warwickshire in stemmate Sheldon; p. 584. At Mr. Sheldon's are four maps of Oxford, Worcester, Warwick, and Gloucester, shires, executed in tapestry on a large scale.

[†] State Worthies, p. 953.

[‡] Vol. xviii. p. 66.

facture was then arrived at great perfection. Another fuit of hangings, executed at the same place, and representing the five senses, was in the palace at Oatlands: They were sold in 1649 for 270 l. At Hampton-court are some of the cartoons.

The beautifull hangings at Lord Orford's at Houghton, containing whole lengths of King James, King Charles, their Queens, and the King of Denmark, with heads of the royal children in the borders, were in all probability the production of the same manufacture.

Williams, Archbishop of York and Lord Keeper, paid Sir Francis Crane 25001. for the four seasons.

At Knowle is a piece of the same tapestry, wrought in silk, containing the portraits of Vandyck and Sir Francis himself. Mrs. Markham, whose maiden name was Crane, and a descendent of Sir Francis, has a half length portrait in tapestry of her ancestor, with the collar of St. George over his shoulders. She has also a picture in the same manufacture of St. George and the dragon. She is a Roman Catholic Lady and lives in Lincolnshire. At Lord Il-chester's at Redlinch in Somersetshire is a fuit

fuit of hangings of this manufacture, reprefenting the twelve months in compartments. I have seen several more sets of the same design; the habits are of the court of Francis 1st. and one of the months represents a Gentleman and Lady riding together to hawk.

Of this person I find no farther record with relation to the arts, but that he made a present to the King of a sea-piece painted by Persellis; and was dead when Vanderdort drew up the catalogue. * The manufacture will be mentioned again in the article of Francesco Cleyne.

Sculpture was carried to no great height in the reign of James: What statuaries there

* King Charles's catalogue page 13. He went to Paris to be cut for the stone in the bladder in 1635, and probably died there. He was at that time engaged in a suit in the star-chamber with Sir Robert Osborne, an old servant of King James, who had mortgaged to Crane for 7500 l. the Royal manor of Graston of which he was only tenant. See Strassord's papers, vol. i. p. 261. 336. 524. He was sometime chancellor of the garter, and sounded sive additional Alms-knights, by his will dated in 1635. See Aubrey's history of Surrey, vol. iii. p. 206. In Rymer is a patent granting to him and Frances Duchess of Richmond and Lenox the monopoly of farthings for seventeen years. Vol. xviii. p. 143.

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were, found employment chiefly on monuturns, which, as far as I have feen, were benefally in a bad tafte. What little Vertue could discover of the artists I shall set down.

MAXIMILIAN COLTE

lived in St. Bartholomew's close: In the church is a monument for his daughter Abigail, who died at the age of 16, March 29, 1629: And in the register of the parish is mentioned the interment of his wife Susan, who died in 1645. He had two sons Alexander and John; the latter was a stone-cutter, and was buried in the same parish with his wife and children. Maximilian, the father, was of some eminence, and was in the service of the crown, as appears by an office-book of the board of works;

Maximilian Colte, master sculptor at 81. a year, 1633.

EPIPHANIUS EVESHAM

was another sculptor of that time: In the translation of Owen's epigrams by John Penkethman printed in 1624, the translator says, " give me leave to insert his (Owen's)

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epitaph, which is engraved in a plate of brass, and fixed under his monumental image, formed and erected by that most exquisite artist, Mr. Epiphanius Evesham, in the cathedral of St. Paul."

NICHOLAS STONE

was the statuary most in vogue. He was born at Woodbury near Exeter, in 1586, and coming to London, lived for fome time with one Isaac James. He then went to Holland, where he worked for Peter de Keyser, whose daughter he married; and returning to England was employed in making monuments for persons of the first distinction. In 1616 he was fent to Edinburgh to work in the King's chapel there. In 1619 he was engaged on the building of the banquetting-house; and in the beginning of the reign of King Charles he received his patent as master mason, recorded in Rymer's Foedera * of which this is the fubstance: "Know ye that we do give and graunt unto our trusty and well-beloved servant Nicholas Stone the office and place of our master mason and architect for all our buildings and reparations belonging to our castle of Windsor during the term of his natural life; and further, for the executing the said office, we do give him the wages and see of twelve pence by the day in as ample and as large a manner as † William Suthis or any other person heretofore did enjoy. A. D. 1626, April 20."

The history of his works is fully recorded by himself. Vertue met with his pocketbook, in which he kept an account of the statues and tombs he executed, of the persons for whom done, and of the payments he received: A copy of this ‡ pocket-book Vertue obtained, from which I shall extract the most remarkable and curious articles.

"In June 1614, I bargained with Sir Walter Butler for to make a tomb for the Earl of Ormond, and to set it up in Ireland; for the which I had well paid me

[†] William Suthis, master mason of Windsor-castle, citizen and gold-smith of London, is buried at Lambeth, where a tomb was erected for him by his wife. He died October 5, 1625. See the epitaph in Aubrey's history of Surrey, vol. v. p. 248.

¹ Mr. Hawksmore had the original. Another copy was in the possession of captain Wind, an architect who will be mentioned beteafter.

100 l. in hand, and 300 l. when the work was fet up at Kilkenny in Ireland."

"1615. Agreed with Mr. Griffin for to make a tomb for my * Lord of Northampton and to fett it in Dover-castle, for the which I had 5001. well payed. I made master Isaac James a partner with me in courtesy, because he was my master three years, that was, two years of my prentice, and one year journeyman."

"In May 1615, I did fet up a tomb for Sir Thomas Bodely in Oxford, for which Mr. Hackwell of Lincoln's-inn payed me 2001. good money."

"In November 1615 Mr. Jansen in Southwark and I did sett up a tomb for Mr. Sutton at Charter-house, for the which we had 4001. well payed, but the little monument of Mr. Lawes was included, the which I made and all the carven work of Mr. Sutton's tomb."

"July 1616 was I fent into Scotland, where I undertook to do work in the King's chapple and for the King's clossett, and the organ, so much as came to 4501. of wainf-cot-worke, the which I performed and had my money well payed, and 501. was given

^{*} Henry Howard Earl of Northampton. See Catalogue of Royal and Noble Authors.

to drink, whereof I had 201. given me by the King's command."

"1616. A bargain made with Mr. Chambers for the use of the Right Honorable Luce Countes of Bedford, for one fair and stately tomb of touchstone and white marble for her father and mother and brother and sister, for the which I was to have 1020 L and my lady was to stand at all charges for carridge and iron and setting up."

"1619. A bargain made with Sir Charles Morison of Cashioberry in Hartfordshire for a tomb of alabaster and touchstone onely. One pictor of white marble for his father, and his own, and his sister the Countess of † Sesex, as great as the life of alabaster, for the which I had well payed 260 l. and sour pieces given me to drink."

* Lucy Harrington, a great heires, wife of Edward Earl of Bedford, whose fortune and her own she wasted. She was a great patroness of the wits of that age, and was much celebrated by them, particularly by Dr. Donne: May dedicated his Lucan to her. At Woburn there is a picture of her in a fantastic habit, dancing; and another very fine one by Honthorst, which will be mentioned hereafter. She was a collector of antique medals: among Sir Thomas Roe's is a letter to her, or rather a dissertation, which infers that she was no mean Latin scholar. V. p. 583.

† Bridget Morrison wife of Robert Ratcliffe Earl of Suffex.

"1619, I was fent for to the officers of his majesty's workes to undertake the charge of the place of master mason for the new banquetting-house at Whitehall, wherein I was employed two years, and I had payed me four shillings and ten pence the day: And in that year I made the diall at St. James's, the King finding stone and workmanship only, and I had for it 61.—135.—4d. And I took down the fountain at Theobalds, and sett it up again, and the fountain at Non-such, and I was paid for both 481."

"And in 1622 I made the great * diall in the Privy-garden at Whitehall, for the which I had 461."

"And that year 1622 I made a diall for my Lord Brook in Holbourn, for the which I had 81.—105."

"Unto Sir John Daves at Chelsey I made two statues of an old man and a woman and a diall, for the which I had 7 l. a piece."

"And a tomb for Dr. Donne's wife in St. Clement-danes, for the which I had fifteen pieces."

" 1620. In Suffolke I made a tomb for Sir Edenund Bacon's lady, and in the same church of Redgrave I made another for his sister Lady (Gawdy) and was very well payed

[.] Mr. Marr drew the lines.

for them. And in the same place I made two pictors of white marbell of Sir N. Bacon and his Lady, and they were layed upon the tomb that Bernard Janson had made there, for the which two pictors I was payed by Sir Edmund Bacon 2001."

"I also made a monument for Mr. Spencer the poet, and set it up at Westminster, for the which the Countess of Dorsett payed me 401."

"And another there for Mr. Francis Holles, the youngest son of the Earl of Clare, sor the which the sayd Earl payed for it 50 l. [As this figure is of most antique simplicity and beauty, the design was certainly given by the Earl to Stone, who when left to bimself had no idea of grace, as appears by the tomb of the Lytteltons at Oxford.]"

" My Lord of Clare also agreed with me for a monument for his brother Sir George Holles, the which I made and sett up in the chappell at Westminster where Sir Francis Vere lyeth buried, for the which I was payed from the hands of the said Earl of Clare 100 l."

"And in the same church I made an inscription for Sir Richard Cox for the which I had 301."

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"And another fast by for Monsieur Casabon, the Lord Bishop of Durham payed for it 60 l.

"And about this time (1625) I made for the Old Exchange in London four statues, the one Edward 5, Richard 3, and Henry 7, for these three I had 25 l. a piece, and one for Queen Elizabeth, which was taken down and sett up again where now it standeth at Guildhall gate, for the which I had 30 l."

"And in 1629 I made a tomb for my lady Paston of Norfolk, and set it up at Paston, and was very extraordinarily entertained there, and payed for it 3401."

"In 1631, I made a tomb for the Right Hon. Lady the Countess of Buckingham, and set it up in Westminster-abbey, and was payed for it 560 l."

"In 1631, I made a * tomb for Dr. Donne, and fett it up in St Paul's London, for the which I was payed by Dr. Mountford the fum of 120 l. I took 60 l. in plate, in part of payment."

"In 1634 I made a chemny-peece for

* This monument of Dr. Donne is remarkable for its fingularity: a print of it is prefixed to the first edition of his Sermons. Another plate is in Dugdale's St. Paul's.

Sir John Holland, and sett it up at Godnon [Quidnam] in Norsolke, for the which I had 1001."

And 1632 I made a chemny-peece for Mr. Pafton, fett up at Oxnett in Norfolke, and for the which I had 80 l. and one statue of Venus and Cupid, and had 30 l. for it; and one statue of Jupiter 25 l. and the three-headed dog Cerberus with a pedestal 14 l. and Seres, and Hercules, and Mercury 50 l. and a tomb for mylady Catherine his dear wise 200 l. and a little chemny-peece in a banquetting-house 30 l. and one Rance marbel tabel with a foot 15 l. and divers other things sent down to him from time to time, as paintings, arms, &cc. and in May 1641 sent to him three statues, the one Appollo, Diana, and Juno, agreed for 25 l. a piece, with pedestals."

"In 1635 I made a tomb for the two fonns of Sir Thomas Littleton, and fett it up in Malden-college in Oxford, where the boys were drowned, for the which work I had 301."

"In 1649 I made a tomb for my Lord Caftleton Vycount Dorchester, and sett in up at Westminster-abbey, for the which I had 2001.

^{*} These three statues, on the extinction of the house of Paston, were sold to the Earl of Buckingham, and are now at his seat at Blickling in Norfolk.

and an old monument that stood in the same place before sett up for his Lady some eight years before." *

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* As persons of curiosity may be glad to know the workman and the expence of the tombs of their ancestors, I shall here briefly recapitulate the rest: For Lady Bennet's at York, 35%. Sir Roger Wilbraham's at Hadley by Barnet, 80%. Sir Thomas Hayes in Aldermanbury, 100 L Sir Robert Drury at Hasteed by Bury. 1401. Alderman Anguish at Norwich, 201. Sir Thomas Ewer at Lynn, 95 l. Lady Cary I mother of Lord Danvers, at Stow Northamptonshire, 220 l. Mr. Molefworth at Croyland, 231. Mrs. Palmer at Enfield, 161. Sir Thomas Cornwallis, groom-porter, at Portcheffer, 181. Mr. Cornwallis of Suffolk, 161. Sir Thomas. Monfon's father and mother, fet up two miles beyond Lincoln. For Sir Edmund Pafton, 1001. Sir Charles Morrison and his Lady in the chancel at Watford, 400 l. Sir George Copen at St. Martin's, 40 l. Barker in New-college Oxford, 50% Lord Knevett, at Stanwell Middlesex, 215 l. Sir Adam Niton (Newton) at Charlton by Greenwich, 1801. Sir Humphrey Lee at Acton-Bromwell, 66 l. Sir Thomas Palmer at Winam, Kent, 1001, Sir Thomas Meary at Walthamstow, 501. Sir William Stonehouse at Radley, Oxfordshire, 120 l. Sir Richard and Lady Verney at Compton Verney, 901. Mr. Cook and his wife at Brampton, Suf-

¹ Elizabeth Nevil, daughter of John Lord Latmer, by Lady Lucy Somerfer, daughter of Henry Earl of Worcefter. Lady Elizabeth was first married to Sir John Danvers of Dauntefey, and then to Sir Rdmund Carey son of Henry Lord Hunsslon. She died in 1630, aged 84. The tomb, I am assured, is admirably performed.

The whole receipts as they were cast up by Stone's kinsman Charles Stoakes amounted to 10889 l.

Besides these works Stone in 1629 undertook to build for the Earl of Holland at Kensington two piers of good Portland stone to hang a pair of great wooden gates; the estimate of the piers (which were designed by Inigo Jones, and are still standing at Holland-house, tho' removed to greater distance from each other) was 100 l.

He built the great gate of St. Mary's church, and the stone gates for the physic-garden at Oxford, designed too by Inigo, for the Earl of Danby, by whom (as by some other persons) he was employed even as an architect. The Earl ordered Stone to design a house for him at Cornbury, and to direct the workmen, for which he was paid 1000 l. In 1638 he built Tarthall near Buckingham-house for the Countess of

folk, 130 l. Sir Julius Caesar in St. Helen's London, 110 l. Lord and Lady Spencer at Althorp, 600 l. This was in 1638. Lord Chief Justice Coke at Tittleshall, 400 l. Sir Thomas Puckering at Warwick, 200 l. Judge Hatton at St. Dunstan's by Temple-bar, 40 l. Sir J. Worsnom at Stanmore, 200 l. and a porch to the new church there, 30 l. Besides others for very obscure persons, and without specification of place.

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Arundel, and had paid to him at different times to pay workmen 6341. He built the front of St. Mary's at Oxford, and executed many works at Windfor for King Charles, particularly three cartouches to support the balcony, the star and gaster. The figure of the Nile on the stairs at Somerset-house was of his work; the other statue was done by Klerne a German, who married Stone's sister. He employed several workmen, some of whose names he has preserved among his own accounts, as follow:

1629. John Hargrave made a statue of Siz Edward Cook for 151. — os. — od.

1631. Humphrey Maydr finisher the statue for Dr. Donne's monument, 81. — 0s. — od.

1638. John Hargrave made the starue to the monument of Lord Spencer, 141.—os.—od. and Richard White made the statue of Lady Spencer, 151.—os.—od.

.. 1643. John Schurman, carver.

Nicholas Stone died in 1647, and was bupiech in St., Martin's, where on the north walk within the church is the following infeription, with a profile of his head;

Stone, Esq; master mason to his majesty, in his life time esteemed for his knowledge in sculpture

feulpture and architecture, which his works in many parts do testify, and, though made for others, will prove monuments of his same. He departed this life on the 24th of August 1647, aged sixty-one, and lyest buried near the pulpit in this church. Mary his wife and Nicholas his son, lye also buried in the same grave. She died November 19th, and he on the 17th of September, 1647. H. S. posuit."

Stone had three fons, Henry, Nicholas; and John. The two eldest were sent to Italy to study; the youngest was educated at Oxford; being defigned for a clergyman; but in the civil war he entered into the army on the King's fide. During that period this John Stone published a book on fortification, called Enchiridion, with many finall cuts etched by himfelf but without his name. The King's forces being routed, young Stone and a companion made their escape; the latter was taken and hanged before his father's door in Smithfield, but Stone hid himself in his father's house in Long acre for above a twelve-month, without the knowledge, fays Vertue, of his father, whence, I suppose, he had either offended the old man by quitting his studies for arms, or the father D 2 نا بازان،

father was too prudent to risk the emoluments of his profession by engaging in party diffentions. John at last found means of retiring to France, where he lived fome years, and, I conclude, applied himself to the arts, as we shall find him after his return engaged in his father's bufiness. Nicholas, the second son, was of a promising genius; and while abroad modelled after the antiques fo well, that his works have been mistaken for the best Italian masters. Mr. Bird the statuary had the Laocoon and Bernini's Apollo and Daphne in Terra cotta by this Nicholas Stone, and Vertue faw a book with many of his drawings of palaces, thurches, and other buildings in Italy. He returned to England in 1642, and died the same year as his father.

Henry, the eldest son, who erected the monument for his father, mother, and brother, carried on, in conjunction with John, the business of a statuary, after his father's death; though Henry addicted himself chiefly to painting, and was an excellent copyist of Vandyck and the Italian masters: He is generally known by the name of Old Stone, I suppose to distinguish him from his brother John. Henry wrote a book, a thin folio.

folio, entituled the third part of the art of painting, taken mostly from the ancients. Vertue, who saw this book, was uncertain whether the two former parts were composed by Stone, or by some other author. The accounts of Nicholas Stone, sen. which I have quoted above, were continued by John, while he and Henry worked in partnership; among other articles are the following;

"In the year of our Lord 1659 my brother and I made a tomb for the Lord Ashley, for which we had 60 l.

" Formerly I made a little tomb of white marble, being an eagle with an escutcheon upon his breaft, fett up at Sunning in Barkshire for 7 L

"In Ano. 1656 I sett up a little tomb in the Temple church for Sir John Williams, and had for it 10 l. It was an eagle of white marble." There are but fifteen monuments entered in this account, the prices of none of which rife above 100 l. Confequently the sons, I suppose, never attained the reputation of the father.

A head of Sir Jonas Moore with a scroll of paper in his hand was engraved by T. Cross in 1649 from a painting by Henry Stone, D 3

Stone, * whose house, garden, and workyard in Long-acre, the same that had been his father's, were rented from the crown at 10 l. a year, as appeared when surveyed in 1650 by the commissioners appointed to inspect the lands that had belonged to the king. Henry Stone died in 1653, and was buried near his father, where a monument was erected and this epitaph written for him by his brother John;

"To the memory of Henry Stone of Long-acre, painter and statuary, who having passed the greatest part of thirty-seven years in Holland, France, and Italy, atchieved a fair renown for his excellency in arts and languages, and departed this life on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1653, and lyeth buried near the pulpit in this church:

His friends bewail him thus,
Could arts appeale inexorable fate,
Thou hadft survived this untimely date;
Or could our votes have taken place, the sun
Had not been set thus at it's gibrious noon:
Thou shoulds have lived such statues to have shows.
As Michael Angelo might have wished his own;

[•] Ferdinado Boll, the painter, lent his own portrait to Henry Stone, in exchange for his. Boll's was fold to Counsellor Eades at Warwick in 1680.

And fill thy most unerting pencil might.
Have rais'd his admiration and delight,
That the beholders should inquiring stand
Whether 'twas Nature's or the Artist's hand.
But thy too early death we now deplore,
There was not art that thou couldst live to more,
Nor could thy memory by age be lost,
If not preserved by this pious cost:
Thy name's a monument that will surpass
The Parian marble or Corinthian brass.

John Stone to perfect his fraternal affections erected this monnment."

And a little lower, June 1699.

Four rare Stones are gone, The Father and three Sons,

In memory of whom their near kinfman, Charles Stoakes, repaired this monument.

John Stone, the last of the family, diedfoon after the Restoration; and Stoakes, the person above-mentioned, from whom Vertue learned all these circumstances, came into possession of many drawings, prints, paintings, models, &c. particularly many portraits of the family in small by Henry Stone; and from Stoakes, the pictures sell into the hands of Mr. Cock the auctioneer.

BERNARD JANSEN

was an architect at the same time that Nicholas Stone was the fashionable statuary. They were employed together, as appears by the foregoing memorandums, on the tomb of Mr. Sutton the founder of the Charterhouse. Of what country Jansen * was, does not appear; by both his names I conclude a foreigner, and probably a Fleming, as he was a professed imitator of Dieterling a famous builder in the Netherlands, who wrote feveral books on architecture. Jansen was engaged on many great works † here; he built Audley-inn, I and the greater part

* Among the Harleian MSS. No. 8. art. 15. are articles of agreement between Paul D'ewes, Esq; and Jan. Jansen stone-cutter, for fetting up a tomb in the church of Stowlangtoft. Dated June 25, 1624.

+ This account Vertue received from Stoakes, the relation of Stone, mentioned in the preceding article.

1 Audley-inn, near Walden in Essex, was an immense pile of building; the rooms large, but some of them not lofty in proportion, and a gallery of ninetyfive yards, which with the chapel, and great Council Chamber, each projecting backwards from the ends of the gallery, have been demolished. The present chapel was lately fitted up. The fcreen accompanying the ascent of steps from the hall was designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, and has no relation to the rest of the building. That injudicious architect too advised the deftruction. part of Northumberland-house, except the frontispiece, which Vertue discovered to be the work of the next artist

GERARD CHRISMAS.

Before the portal of that palace was altered by the late Duke of Northumberland, there

Aruction of the first court which confished of noble corridores supported by columns of alabaster, in the room of which he built two ugly brick walls which cost 1600/. The marble pillars of the chapel were purchased by Lord Onslow. King William bought thence fome fuits of tapeftry, now at Windsor, for which he paid 4500 l. The drawing room, called the fish-room, is a neble chamber; the ceiling and a deep frieze adorned in stucco with sea-monsters and great sishes swimming. All the costly chimney-pieces have been sold: Over that in the gallery were the labours of Hercules, and in the ceiling, the loves of the Gods. Many of the friezes still extant are in very good taste. erected by Thomas Howard Earl of Suffolk, Lord Treasurer in the reign of James I. and was generally supposed to be founded on Spanish gold, his Countess, who had great sway with him, being notoriously corrupt. There is a whole length of her in the hall at Gorhambury. She was mother of the memorable Frances Countels of Essex and Somerset; whose escutcheon still (1762) remains entire in the chancel of the church at Walden, one of the lightest and most beautifull parish churches I have seen.

were in a frieze near the top in large capitals C. Æ. an enigma long inexplicable to antiquaries. Vertue found that at the period when the house was built, lived Chrismas, an architect and carver of reputation, who gave the design of Aldersgate, and cut the bastelief on it of James I. on horseback, and thence concluded that those letters signified, Chrismas aediscavit. Jansen probably built the house, which was of brick, and the frontispiece, which was of stone, was sinished by Chrismas. The carvers of the great ship, built at Woolwich by Mr. Peter

^{*} In the new description of London vol. v. it is said, that from some ** letters on the front, when it was last rebuilt, it was inferred, that one Moses Glover was the architect, which is not improbable, as that great curiofity, at Sion-house, the survey of Sion and the neighbouring villages, was performed by Moses Glover, painter and architecter. In that valuable plan are views of the royal houses and seats in the neighbourhood.

entaining, I suppose, that originally there was a larger inscription, containing, I suppose, the titles of the Earl of Northampton the sounder, in Latin, as well as the builder's name; for in Camden's Annalium Apparatus of James the Ist. p. 45. at the end of his Letter, it is said, that at the suneral of Queen Anne, a young man among the spectators was killed by the fall of the letter S from the sop of Northampton-house.

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Pett in 1637, were John and Mathias Crifmas, * fons of Gerard. †

JOHN, SMITHSON

was an architect in the service of the Earls of Newcastle. He built part of Welbeck in 1604, the riding-house ‡ there in 1623, and the stables in 1625; and when William Cavendish, Earl and afterwards Duke of Newcastle, proposed to repair and make great additions to Bolsover-castle, Smithson, it is said, was sent to Italy to collect designs. From them I suppose it was that the noble apartment erected by that Duke, and lately pulled down, was compleated, Smithson dying in 1648. Many of Smithson's drawings were purchased by the late Lord Byron

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They also made a tomb at Ampton in Sussolk, for Sir H. Calthorpe. Gough's Topogr. vol. i. p. 579. In the same work is mentioned a panegyric on Mayster Gerard Christmas for bringing pagents and sigures to such great persection both in symmetry and substance, being before but unshapen monsters made only of slight wicker and paper. p. 676.

[†] Vertue had seen a printed copy of verses in praise of the father.

[†] As appears by his name over the gate. Mr. Pegge fays his name was not John, but Huntingdon Smithson. Biblioth. Topogr. Brit. No. 32. p. 16.

from his descendents who lived at Bolsover, in the chancel of which church Smithson is buried with this inscription;

Reader, beneath this plain stone buried lies
Smithson's remainder of mortality;
Whose skill in architecture did deserve
A fairer tomb his memory to preserve:
But since his nobler works of piety
To God, his justice and his charity,
Are gone to heaven, a building to prepare
Not made with hands, his friends contented are.
He here shall rest in hope, 'till th' worlds shall burn,
And intermingle ashes with his urn.

Ob. Decemb. 27, 1648.

His fon, a man of some skill in architecture, was buried in the same grave.

- BUTLER

a name preserved only by Peacham, in whose time Butler seems to have been still living, for speaking of Architecture and of the Lord Treasurer Salisbury, "who, he adds, as he savoureth all learning and excellency, so he is a principal patron of this art, having lately employed Mr. Butler and many excellent artists for the beautifying his ——especially his chapel at Hatsield."

STEPHEN

STEPHEN HARRISON

who calls himself joyner and architect, inwented the triumphal arches erected in London for the reception of James I. They were engraved by Kip on a sew leaves in solio, a work I never saw but in the library at Chatsworth.

I shall conclude what I have to say on the reign of King James, with a brief account of a few of his medallifts. This article is one of the most deficient in Vertue's notes; he had found but very flight materials, though equally inquisitive on this head with the reft. One must except the subject of the two Simons, of whose works as he himself published a most curious volume, I shall omit the mention of them in this catalogue, only defiring that Vertue's account of the two Simons and Hollar, and the catalogues of the collections of King Charles, King James and the Duke of Buckingham, may be regarded as parts of this his great design. By those specimens one fees how perfect he wished and laboured to make the whole.

I was in hopes of compleating this article,

by having recourse to Mr. Evelyn's Difcourse on Medals, but was extremely disappointed to find that in a folio volume, in which he has given the plates and inscriptions of a regular feries of our medals, he takes not the least notice of the gravers. I should not have expected that a virtuoso so knowing would have contented himself with descriptions of the persons represented, he who had it in his inclination; and generally in his power, to inform posterity of almost every thing they would wish to learn. Had Mr. Evelyn never regretted his ignorance of the names of the workmen of those inimitable medals of the Seleucidae, of the fair coins of Augustus, and of the Denarii of the other Roman Emperors? Was he satisfied with possessing the effigies of Tiberius, Claudius. Irene, without wishing to know the names of the ingenious and more harmless gravers-Why did he think posterity would not be as curious to learn who were the medallists of Charles II. James I. Mary I.? He has omitted all names of gravers except in two or three of the plates, and even there fays not a word of the artist. For instance in a medal of Charles I. p. 113, under-the King's bust are the letters N. R. F. I can-

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not discover who this N. R. was. * Thomas Rawlins was a graver of the mint about that time; perhaps he had a brother who worked in partnership with him. I was so surprized at this omission, that I concluded Mr. Eve-Ivn must have treated of the gravers in some other part of the work. I turned to the index, and to my greater furprize found almost every thing but what I wanted. fingle letter N. which contains but twentyfix articles, are the following fubjects, which I believe would puzzle any man to guess how they found their way into a discourse en medals:

Nails of the cross.

Narcotics.

Nations, whence of such Nightingale.

various dispositions.

Natural and artificial curiofities.

Navigation.

Neapolitans, their cha-

racter.

Negros.

Neocoros.

Noah.

Nofes.

Nurses, of what importance their

temper and dif-

politions.

In fhort, Mr. Evelyn, who loved to know,

^{*} Unless it was Norbert Rotier, who arrived in the reign of Charles II. In that case, the medal in question must have been executed after the Restoration.

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was too fond of telling the world all he knew. * His virtue, industry, ingenuity, and learning, were remarkable; one wishes he had written with a little more judgment—or perhaps it is not my interest to wish so; it would be more prudent to shelter under his authority any part of this work that is not much to the purpose.

All this author fays † of our medallists is, that we had Symons, Rawlins, Mr. Harris, Christian, &c. and then refers us to his Chalcography, ‡ where indeed he barely

• Among other branches of science, if one can call it so, Mr. Evelyn studied Physiognomy, and found diffimulation, boldness, cruelty and ambition in every touch and stroke of Fuller's picture of Oliver Cromwell's face, which he says, was the most resembling portrait of the Protector. In Vandyck's Earl of Strafford, a steady, serious, and judicious countenance; and so in many others whose characters from knowing their history he fancied he saw in their features. How his divination would have been puzzled if he had been shown a picture of Cromwell in the contemptible appearance, which, Sir Philip Warwick says, he made at his first entry into the House of Commons. Or if my Lord Strafford had continued to oppose the court, and had never changed fides, would Mr. Evelyn have found his countenance fo STEADY and JUDICIOUS?

[†] Page 239.

¹ Page 49.

names two more, Restrick and Johnson, of whom I can find no other account. The reader must therefore accept what little is scattered up and down in Vertue's MSS. I have already mentioned one or two in the preceding volume. The first graver I meet in the reign of James is

CHARLES ANTONY,

to whom Sir Thomas Knyvet, master of the mint in the second of that King, paid by warrant 40 l. for gold and workmanship, for graving an offering piece of gold, Antony having then the title of the King's graver. Vertue supposes this person made the medal in 1604 on the peace with Spain, a medal not mentioned by Evelyn, and that he continued in office 'till 1620. Mr. Anstis informed him of a warrant to a brother of Charles Antony, called

THOMAS ANTONY

curatori monetae et figillorum regis ad cudendum magnum figillum pro epifcopatu

* I have a thin plate of filver larger than a crown piece, representing King James on his throne. It is very neat workmanship, and probably by this Antony.

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et comitatu palatino Dunelm. 1617. But of meither of these brothers do I find any other traces.

THOMAS BUSHELL

was probably a medallist of the same age. In the year 1737 Mr. Compton produced at the Antiquarian Society, as I find by their minutes, a gold medal, larger than a crown piece; on one side Lord Chancellor Bacon in his hat and robes, with this legend, Bacon Viceco. Set. Alb. Angliæ Cancell. On the reverse, Thomas Bushell. Deus est qui clausa recludit.

NICHOLAS BRIOT

was a native of Lorrain, and graver of the mint to the King of France, in which kingdom he was the inventor, or at least one of the first proposers of coining money by a press, instead of the former manner of hammering. As I am ignorant myself in the mechanic part of this art, and have not even the pieces quoted by Vertue, I shall tread very cautiously, and only transcribe the titles of some memorials which he had seen, and from

from whence I conclude a literary controversy was carried on in France on the subject of this new invention, to which, according to custom, the old practitioners seem to have objected, as, probably interfering with the abuses of which they were in prescriptive possession.

Raisons de Nicolas Briot, tailleur et graveur des monoyes de France, pour rendre et saire toutes les monoyes du royaume à l'advenir unisormes et semblables, &c.

Les remonstrances faites par la cour des monoyes contre la nouvelle invention d'une presse ou machine pour fabriquer les monoyes, propose par Nicolas Briot. 1618. qu'.

Examen d'un avis presente au conseil de sa majeste 1621 pour la reformation des monoyes par Nicolas Briot. compose par Nicolas Coquerel. This Coquerel, I sind by another note, was Generalis monetarius, or Pope of the mint, into which the reformation was to be introduced. The Luther, Briot, I suppose, miscarried, as we soon asterwards find him in the service of the crown of England, where projectors were more savorably received. From these circumstances I conclude he arrived in the reign of King James, though he did not make his way to

court before the accession of King Charles, the patron of genius. Briot's first public work was a medal of that Prince exhibited in Evelyn, with the artist's name and the date 1628. To all or to almost all his coins and medals he put at least the initial letter of his name. He was employed both in England and Scotland. In 1631, as appears by Rymer's Foedera, tom. xix. p. 287, a special commission was appointed for making trial of the experience, skill and industry of Nicholas Briot, in the coinage of money at the mint, dated June 13, 1631, at Westminfter. This was the project he had attempted in France, by instruments, mills and preffes, to make better money and with less expence to the crown than by the way of hammering. The fcheme was probably approved, for in the very next year we find him coining money upon the regular establishment. There is extant a parchment roll, containing the accounts of Sir Robert Harley, Knight of the Bath, master worker of his majesty's monies of gold and silver within the tower of London, in the reign of King Charles I, from November 8, 1628, to Augult 1, 1636. In this account, in 1632 are payments to Briot for coining various parcels cels of gold and filver, which are followed by this entry:

" And delivered to his majestie in fair filver monies at Oatlands by Sir Thomas Aylefbury, viz. iii crownes, and iii half crownes of Briot's moneys, and iii crownes. and iii half crownes, and ten shillings of the monovers making."

These comparative pieces were probably presented to the King by Sir Robert Harley. Briot's patron, to show the superior excellence of the latter's method.

Briot returned to France about 1642, haying formed that excellent scholar Thomas Simon.

In a private family (the name of which he does not mention) Vertue saw a peach-stone. on which was carved the head of King Charles full faced, with a laurel, and on the reverse. St. George on horseback, with the garter round it; and on one fide above the King's head, these letters NB. The tradition in that family was, that the carver having been removed from the fervice of the crown, and at last obtaining the place of poor knight at Windsor, cut that curiosity to show he was not superannuated nor incapable of his office as he had been represented. If the mark

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mark NB fignified Nicholas Briot, as is probable, either the story is fictitious, or Briot did not return to France on the breaking out of the civil war. The latter is most likely, as in the Treasury, where the plate of St. George's chapel is deposited, there is such another piece, though inferior in workmanship to that above-mentioned. In the Museum at Oxford are two small carvings in wood, Christ on the cross and the Nativity, with the same cypher NB on each.

ANECDOTES OF PAINTING, &c.

CHAP. II.

CHARLES I. His Love and Protection of the Arts, Accounts of Vanderdort and Sir Balthazar Gerbier. Dispersion of the King's Collection, and of the Earl of Arundel's.

HE accession of this Prince was the first aera of real taste in England. As his temper was not profuse, the expence he made in collections, and the rewards he bestowed on men of true genius and merit, are proofs of his judgment. He knew how and when to bestow. Queen Elizabeth was avaricious with pomp; James I. lavish with meannefs. A prince who patronizes the arts, and can distinguish abilities, enriches his country, and is at once generous and an oeconomist. Charles had virtues to make a nation happy; fortunate, if he had not thought, that he alone knew how to make them happy, and that he alone ought to have the power of making them fo!

His character, as far as it relates to my fubject, is thus given by Lilly; "He had many excellent parts in nature, was an excellent E 4 cellent

cellent horseman, would shoot well at a mark, had fingular skill in limning, was a good judge of pictures, a good mathematician, not unskillsull in music, well read in divinity, excellently in history and law, he spoke several languages, and writ well, good language and style." Perinchief is still more particular; "His foul, fays that writer, was stored with a full knowledge of the nature of things, and easily comprehended almost all kinds of arts that either were for delight or of a public use; for he was ignorant of nothing, but of what he thought it became him to be negligent, for many parts of learning, that are for the ornament of a private person, are beneath the cares of a crowned head. He was well skilled in things of antiquity, could judge of medals whether they had the number of years they pretended unto; his libraries and cabinets were full of those things on which length of time put the value of rarities. In painting he had so excellent a fancy, that he would supply the defect of art in the workman, and fuddenly draw those lines, give those airs and lights, which experience and practice had not taught the painter. could judge of fortifications, and censure whether

whether the cannon were mounted to execution or no. He had an excellent skill in guns, knew all that belonged to their making. The exactest arts of building ships for the most necessary uses of strength or good sailing, together with all their furniture, were not unknown to him. He understood and was pleased with the making of * clocks and watches. He comprehended the art of printing. There was not any one gentleman of all the three kingdoms that could compare with him in an universality of knowledge. He encouraged all the parts of learning, and he delighted to

* Mr. Oughtred made a horizontal inftrument for delineating dials, for him; "Elias Allen, fays that celebrated mathematician, having been fworn his majefly's fervant had a purpose to present his majefly with some new-year's gift, and requested me to devise some pretty instrument for him. I answered that I have heard that his majefly delighted much in the great concave dial at Whitehall; and what sitter instrument could he have than my horizontal, which was the very same represented in flat." Biogr. Brit. vol. v. p. 3279. Delamain, another mathematician, made a ring dial for the king, which his majesty valued so much, that, on the morning before he was beheaded, he ordered it to be given to the Duke of York, with a book showing it's use. Ib. p. 3283.

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talk with all kind of artists, and with so great a facility did apprehend the mysteries of their professions, that he did sometimes say, "He thought he could get his living, if necessitated, by any trade he knew of, but making of hangings;" although of these he underflood much, and was greatly delighted in them; for he brought some of the most curious workmen from foreign parts to make them here in England," *

With regard to his knowledge of pictures, I find the following anecdote from a book called the original and growth of printing by Richard Atkyns, Efg; "This excellent Prince, fays that author, who was not only aliquis in omnibus, but fingularis in omnibus, hearing of rare heads (painted) amongst several other pictures brought me from Rome, fent Sir James Palmer to bring them to Whitehall to him, where were present divers picture-drawers and painters. He asked them all of whose hand that was? some guest at it; others were of another opinion, but none was positive. At last said the King, This is of fuch a man's hand, I know it as well as if I had feen him draw it; but,

^{*} Life of Charles I. at the end of the Icon Bafilike. edit. 1727.

faid he, is there but one man's hand in this picture? None did discern whether there was or not; but most concluded there was but one hand. Said the King, "I am fure there are two hands have workt in it, for I know the hand that drew the heads, but the hand that did the rest I never saw before." Upon this a gentleman that had been at Rome about ten years before, affirmed that he saw this very picture, with the two heads unfinished at that time, and that he heard his brother (who staid there some years after him) fay, that the widow of the painter that drew it wanting money, got the best master she could find to finish it and make it saleable." This story which in truth is but a blind one, especially as Mr. Atkyns does not mention even the name of the painter of his own picture, seems calculated to prove a fact, of which I have no doubt, his majesty's knowledge of hands. The gentleman who stood by and was so long before he recollected fo circumstantial a history of the picture, was, I dare say, a very good courtier.

The King is faid not only to have loved painting but to have practiced it; it is affirmed firmed that Rubens corrected some of his * maiesty's drawings.

It was immediately after his accession that Charles began to form his collection. The crown was already in possession of some good pictures: Henry VIII. had several. What painters had been here had added others. Prince Henry, as I have faid, had begun a separate collection both of paintings and statues. All these Charles asfembled, and fent commissions into France and Italy to purchase more. Cross † was dispatched

* De Piles, in his life of Rubens, fays, that the King's mother-in-law, Mary de' Medici, designed well.

⁺ Vincentio Carducci in his dialogo della pittura printed at Madrid in 1633, calls him Michael de la Crux; others fay it was Henry Stone jun. who was fent to Spain. When Charles was at that court, the King of Spain gave him a celebrated picture by Titian called the Venus del Pardo, see catal. p. 103; and the Cain and Abel by John of Bologna, which King Charles afterwards bestowed on the Duke of Buckingham, who placed it in the garden of York-house. Peacham p. 108. From Whitlocke p. 24, we have the following information: " In December the Queen was brought to bed of a second daughter named Elizabeth. To congratulate her majesty's safe delivery, the Hollanders fent hither a folemn ambassy and a noble present, a large piece of ambergrease, two fair china

dispatched into Spain to copy the works of Titian there: and no doubt as foon as the royal tafte was known, many were brought over and offered to fale at court. The ministers and nobility were not backward with presents of the same nature. Various are the accounts of the jewels and bawbles presented to magnificent Elizabeth. catalogue of King Charles's collection are recorded the names of feveral of the court who ingratiated themselves by offerings of pictures and curiofities. But the nobleft addition was made by the King himself: He purchased at a great * price the entire cabinet of the Duke of Mantua, then reckoned the most valuable in Europe. But feveral of those pictures were spoiled by

china basons almost transparent, a curious clock, and four rare pieces of Tintoret's and Titian's painting. Some supposed that they did it to ingratiate the more with our King, in regard his sleet was so powerfull at sea, and they saw him resolved to maintain his right and dominion there."

* The lowest I have heard was 20,000 l. So R. Symondes said. At Kensington are several pieces of the Venetian and Lombard schools, in uniform frames of black and gold, the pictures themselves much damaged. These I take to have been part of the collection from Mantua.

the quickfilver on the frames, owing I suppose to carelessness in packing them up. Vanderdort, from whom alone we have this account, does not specify all that suffered, though in general he is minute even in describing their frames. The list, valuable as it is, notwithstanding all it's blunders, inaccuracy, and bad English, was I believe never compleated, which might be owing to the sudden death of the composer. There are accounts in MS. of many more pictures, indubitably of that collection, not specified in the printed catalogue.

Now I have mentioned this person, Vanderdort, it will not be foreign to the purpose to give some little account of him, especially as to him we owe, * however mangled, the only record of that Royal Museum.

The original copy, of which there were two or three transcripts, is preserved in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. Tom Hearne once thought of publishing it, but at last concluding it was German, gave it over. Mr. Vertue, better grounded, and still more patient, transcribed it for the press, but dying before the impression was sinished, it was published by Mr. Bathoe, as

were Vertue's catalogues of the collections of James II.. the Duke of Buckingham, Queen Caroline, &c. the whole making three volumes in quarto.

Abraham

Abraham Vanderdort, a Dutchman, had worked for the Emperor Rodolphus, whose Service he left we do not know on what occasion. He brought away with him a bust of a woman modelled in wax as large as the life, which he had begun for that monarch. but Prince Henry was fo struck with it, that though the Emperor wrote feveral times for it, the young Prince would neither part with the work nor the workman, telling him he would give him as good entertainment as any Emperor would-and indeed Vanderdort seems to have made no bad bargain. He parted with the buft to the Prince upon condition, that as foon as the cabinet, then building from a defign of Inigo Jones. should be finished, he should be made keeper of his Royal Highness's medals with a salary of 501. a year; * a contract voided by the death of the Prince. However, upon the accession of King Charles, Vanderdort was immediately retained in his service with a falary of 401. a year, and appointed keeper of the cabinet. This room was erected about the middle of Whitehall, running across from the Thames towards the banquetting-

^{*} See Birch's life of Prince Henry, append. p. 467, and Rymer vol. xviii. p. 100.

house, and fronting westward to the privygarden. * Several warrants for payments to Vanderdort as follow are extant in Rymer, and among the Conway papers; one of the latter is fingular indeed, and shows in what favour he stood with his royal master.

" The fecond day of April 1625, at St. James. His majesty was pleased by my Lord Duke of Buckingham's meanes to send for Sir Edward Villiers, warden of his majesties mint, as also for his owne servant Abraham Vanderdoort, where his majesty did command in the presence of the said Lord Duke and Sir Edward Villiers that the faid Abraham Vanderdoort should make patterns for his majesties coynes, and also give his affiftance to the ingravers and his furtherance that the same may be well engraven according to their abilities. For which he defireth a warrant with an annual fee of 401. a year, whereby it may appear that it was his majesties pleasure to appoint him for that service." Conway papers. At the bottom of this paper is this entry, "It is his majesty's pleasure that the clerk of his majesties signett for the tyme being doe cause

a booke

Catalogue of King Charles's collection, p. 164.

a booke to be prepared fitt for his majesties fignature of the office, with the annuitie or fee beforementioned to be paid out of the exchequer duringe his life."

The patent itself is in Rymer. *

" A warrant under the fignet to the officers of his majesty's houshold for the allowance of five shillings and six-pence by the day unto Abraham Vanderdoorte for his boorde wages, to begyne from Christmass last and to contynue during his life. By order of the Lord Conway and by him procured. March 24, 1625." +

"Docquett. 11°. Junii, 1628. A warrant unto Abraham Vanderdort for his lyfe of the office of keeper of his majesties cabynett roome with a pension of 40 l. per annum, and of provider of patternes for the punches and stampes for his majesties coyne in the mynt with the allowaunce of 401. per annum for the same paiable quarterly out of the exchequer, the first payment to begynne at Midsommer next 1628. With further warrant to pay unto him the several arrearage of 1201. 1001. and of 101. due unto him upon privy feales for and in respect of his imploy-

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^{*} Foedera vol. xviii. p. 73.

[†] Conway papers. Vol. II.

ment in the faid office and place which are to bee furrendered before this passe the greate seale. His majesties pleasure signyfied by the Lord Viscount Conway and by him pro-Subscribed by Mr. Sollicitor Generall."

"To Mr. Attorney; Junii 17, 1628. Sir, his majestie is pleased to make use of the fervice of his fervaunt Abraham Vanderdoort, to make patternes for his majesties coynes, and give his affiftance and furtherance to the ingravers for the well makinge of the stamps; and for his paines therein to give him an allowance of 40 l. per ann. duringe pleafure. To which purpose you will be pleased to draw a bill for his majesties fignature. 4

" Docquett. 11°. Octobr. 1628. A letter to Sir Adam Newton, Knight and Baronett, receaver generall of his majesties revenue whilest he was Prince, to pay unto Abraham Vanderdort for the keeping of his majesties cabinett room at St. James's, and other service the some of 1301. in arreare due unto him for the said service from our Ladyday 1625, 'till Midsommer 1628; procured by Lord Viscount Conway."

* Minute of a letter from Lord Conway.

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The next is the extraordinary paper I mentioned; it shows at once how far the royal authority in that age thought it had a right to extend, and how low it condescended to extend itself.

"Docquett. 28 November. 1628. A letter to Louysa Cole, the relict of James Cole, in favour of Abraham Vanderdort his majesties servant, recommending him to her in the way of marriage. Procured by the Lord Viscount Conway."

What was the fuccess of this royal interposition * I no where find. Vanderdort, in his catalogue, † mentions presents made by him to the King, of a book of prints by Albert Durer, of a head in plaister of Charles V. and of the arm of the King of Denmark, ‡

^{*} How much this was the practice of that Court, we are told by an unexceptionable witness; Lord Clarendon, in his character of Waller, says, "he had gotten a very rich wife in the city, against all the recommendation, and countenance, and authority of the Court, which was thoroughly engaged on the behalf of Mr. Crosts, and which used to be successfull in that age against any opposition." V. Life in solio, p. 24.

⁺ Page 57. 72.

In the king's collection was a portrait of the king of Denmark by Vanderdort, which proves that he dabibled too in painting.

modelled from the life. It is certain that the poor man had great gratitude to or great awe of Charles I. The King had recommended to him to take particular care of a miniature by Gibson, the parable of the lost sheep. Vanderdort laid it up so carefully, that when the King asked him for it, he could not find it, and hanged himself in despair. * After his death his executors found and restored it. As this piece is not mentioned in the catalogue, probably it was newly purchased. There is an admirable head of Vanderdort by Dobson at † Houghton.

The King who spared neither favours, nor money, to enrich his collection, invited ‡ Albano into England by a letter written with his own hand. It succeeded no more than a like attempt of the Duke of Buckingham

^{*} Sanderson's Graphice, page 14.

[†] In the Aedes Walpolianae I have called this, Dobson's father, as it was then believed; but I find by various notes in Vertue's MSS. that it was bought of Richardson the painter, and is certainly the portrait of Vanderdort.

[†] In the Life of Romanelli in Catalogue Raisonnè des Tableaux du Roy (de France) it is said that Charles invited that painter hither too. Vol. i. p. 163.

to draw Carlo Maratti hither. Carlo * had drawn for that Duke the portraits of a Prince and Princess of Brunswic, but excused himself from obeying the summons, by pleading that he had not studied long enough in Rome, and was not yet worthy of painting for the King. Simon Vouet, an admired French painter, who while very young had been fent over in 1604 to draw the portrait of some lady of great rank re-

* Several English fat to that master at Rome, particularly the Earls of Sunderland, Exeter, and Roscommon, Sir Thomas Isham, || Mr. Charles Fox, and Mr. Edward Herbert of Packington, a great virtuoso. The portrait of Lord Sunderland is at Althorp, a whole length, in a loose drapery like an Apostle; the head and hands are well painted. The head of Mr. Herbert, who was called the rough diamond, was with some of his books left by his nephew to the library of the Middle-temple, where it remains. At Waldeshare in Kent a portrait of Sir Robert Furnese; and at Sherburn-castle in Dorsetshire another, not quite half length of Robert Lord Digby, fon of Kildare Lord Digby, holding a paper with a mathematical figure. At Burleigh, a portrait of the Earl of Exeter, who collected fo many of Carlo's works, and a head of Charles Cavendish, a boy, with the eyes shut, said to be taken after his death, but it seems too highly coloured, and is probably fleeping.

It is at Lord Ilchester's at Redlinch, and is a good head: on the shoulder are scarlet ribbands.

tired hither from Paris, was invited by King Charles with promise of great rewards to return to England, but declined the offer. * His Majesty was desirous too of having something of the hand of Bernini. Vandyck drew in one piece the full sace and the three quarter sace and the profile of the King, from which Bernini made a bust, that was consumed or stolen in the fire of Whitehall. † It was on seeing this picture that Bernini

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+ It is very uncertain what became of this bust: Vertue from several circumstances, which I shall lay before the reader, believed it was not destroyed. Cooper the print-seller told him that he had often heard Norrice frame-maker to the court, and who faved several of the pictures, aver, that he was in the room where the buft used to stand over a corner chimney, and that it was taken away before that chamber was destroyed. Lord Cutts who commanded the troops, was impatient to blow up that part, and yet after he had ordered the drums to beat, it was half an hour before the explosion was begun, time enough to have faved the buft, if it was not stolen before. Sir John Stanley, then deputychamberlain, was of the latter opinion. He was at dinner in Craig-court when the fire began which was about three o'clock: He immediately went to the palace, and perceived only an inconfiderable smoke in a garret, not in the principal building. He found Sir Christopher Wren and his workmen there, and the gates all shut. Looking at Bernini's bust, he begged Sir

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Bernini pronounced, as is well known, that there was fomething unfortunate in the countenance of Charles. The same artist made a bust too of Mr. Baker, who carried the picture to Rome. The Duke of Kent's sather bought the latter bust at Sir Peter Lely's sale; it is now in the possession of Lord Royston, and was reckoned preserable to that of the King. The hair is in prodigious quantity and incomparably loose and free; the point-band very fine. Mr. Baker paid Bernini an hundred broad pieces for his, but for the King's Bernini received a thou-

Sir Christopher to take care of That, and the statues. The latter replied, "Take care of what you are concerned in and leave the rest to me." Sir John said it was above five hours after this before the fire reached that part. Norrice afterwards dug in the ruins of that chamber but could not discover the least fragment of marble. The crouching Venus in the same apartment was known to be stolen, being discovered after a concealment of four years and retaken by the crown. Vertue thought that the brazen bust of King Charles in the passage near Westminster-hall, was not taken from Bernini's, of which casts are extant, but of an earlier date. In the imperial library at Vienna, says Dr. Edward Brown in his travels, is a head of King Charles in white marble, but this cannot be Bernini's, as Brown wrote in 1673, and the fire of Whitehall happened in 1697.

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fand Roman crowns. The king was so pleased with his own, that he desired to have one of the Queen too; but that was prevented by the war. *

Among the Strafford papers is an evidence of this Prince's affection for his pictures: In a † letter from Mr. Garrard, dated November 9, 1637, speaking of two masks that were to be exhibited that winter, he says, "A great room is now ‡ building only for this use betwixt the guard-chamber and banquetting-house of sir, only weather-boarded and slightly covered. At the marriage of the Queen of Bohemia I saw one set up there but not of that vastness that this is, which will cost too much money to be pulled down, and yet down it must when the masks are over."

In another of December 16, the same person says, "Here are two masks intended

^{*} In the church at Chelsea is a fine monument in a niche for the Lady Jane Cheyney; she is represented lying on her right side, and leaning on a bible. This tomb was the work of Bernini, and cost 500%.

[†] Page 130, vol. ii.

¹ Journal of the House of Commons July 16, 1645. Ordered that the boarded masque-house at Whitehall, the masque-house at St. James's and the courts of guard be forthwith pulled down and sold away.

this winter; the King is now in practicing his, which shall be presented at Twelsthtide, most of the young Lords about the town, who are good dancers, attend his majesty in this business. The other the Queen makes at Shrove-tide, a new house being erected in the first court at Whitehall, which cost the King 2500 l. only of deal boards. because the King will not have his pictures in the banquetting-house hurt with lights."

The most capital purchase made by King Charles were the cartoons of Raphael, now at Hampton-court. They had remained in Flanders from the time that Leo X. fent them thither to be copied in tapestry, the money for the tapestry having never been paid. Rubens told the King of them, and where they were, and by his means they were bought.

It may be of use to collectors and virtuofi, for whose service this work is composed, to know when they meet with the ruins of that royal cabinet, or of the Earl of Arundel's. On the King's pictures was this mark C. P. or C. R. on his drawings

a large star thus on the Earl's a ſmaller. *

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The dials at Whitehall were erected by the order of Charles, while he was Prince. Mr. Gunter drew the lines, and wrote the description and use of them, printed in a small tract by order of King James in 1624. There were five dials; afterwards some were made of glass in a pyramidal shape by Francis Hall, and placed in the same garden. One or two of these may still be extant; Vertue saw them at Buckingham-house in St. James's park, from whence they were sold.

It looks as if Charles had had forme thoughts of erecting a monument for his father. In the lodgings of the warden of New-college Oxford was a mausoleum with arms, altar-tomb, columns and infcriptions in honour of that Prince dated 1630. It is certain King Charles had no less inclination for architecture than for the other arts. The intended palace at Whitehall would have been the most truly magnificent and beau-· tifull fabric of any of the kind in Europe. His majesty did not send to Italy and Flanders for architects as he did for Albano and Vandyck: He had Inigo Jones. Under the direction of that genius the King erected the house at Greenwich.

> Charles had in his fervice another man, both

both architect and painter, of whom, though excellent in neither branch, the reader will perhaps not dislike some account, as he was a remarkable person and is little known.

Sir Balthazar Gerbier D'ouvilly of Antwerp, was born about 1591, came young into England, and was a retainer of the Duke of Buckingham as early as 1613. In Finette's master of the ceremonies it is faid. "Alonzo Contarini Embassador from Venice came to Mr. Gerbier, a gentleman ferving the Duke of Buckingham." Sanderson * calls him a common penman, who penfiled the dialogue (probably the decalogue) in the Dutch church London, his first rise of preferment." It is certain that he ingratiated himself much with that favorite and attended him into Spain, where he was even employed in the treaty of marriage, though oftenfibly acting only in the character of a painter. † Among the Harleian MSS. is a letter from the Duchess of Buckingham to her Lord in Spain, " I pray you, if you have any idle

^{*} Graphice, page 15.

[†] He painted small figures in distemper. De Piles. While in Spain he drew the Infanta in miniature, which was fent over to King James.

time, * fit to Gerbier for your picture that I may have it well done in little." Bishop Tanner had a MS. catalogue of the Duke's collection drawn up by Gerbier who had been employed by the Duke in feveral of the purchases. However there is some appearance of his having fallen into difgrace with his patron. In one of Vertue's MSS. is a paffage that seems to be an extract, though the author is not quoted, in which the Duke treats Gerbier with the highest contempt. The transcript is so obscure and imperfect, that I shall give it in Vertue's own words;

"King James I. ill and dying, the Duke of Buckingham was advised to apply a plaifter to his stomach, which he did with proper advice of doctors, physicians of the

^{*} In a letter, dated 1628, it is said, the King and Queen were entertained at supper at Gerbier, the Duke's painter's house, which could not stand him in less than 1000 l. The Duchess of Northumberland has a large oval miniature of the Duke of Buckingham on horseback. The head is well painted; the figure drest in scarlet and gold, is finished with great labour, and richness. The head of the horse, which is dark grey with a long white mane, is lively. Under the horse, a landscape and figures; over the Duke's head, his motto, Fidei coticula crux; and on the foreground, B. Gerbier, 1618.

King. But the King dying, the Duke was blamed—one Eglesham printed a scurrilous blibel, and slew away into Flanders—I was told by Sir Balthazar Gerbier [though his testimony be odious to any man] that Eglesham dealt with him in Flanders for a piece of money [not more than 400 guilders to desiray the charges] to imprint his recantation, of which the Duke bid Gerbier join malice and knavery together, and spit their venom 'till they split, and he would pay for printing that also."

Nothing can be built upon so vague a foundation. It is certain that immediately after the accession of King Charles, Gerbier was employed in Flanders to negotiate privately a treaty with Spain, the very treaty in which Rubens was commissioned on the

The title was, "The Forerunners of Revenge, in two petitions, the one to the King, the other to the Parliament; concerning the Duke of Buckingham's poysoning King James, and the Marquis of Hamilton. By George Eglisham, physician to King James, quo. 1642." By the date of this piece, I suppose it was reprinted at the beginning of the war. The piece itself was transcribed by Mr. Baker of St. John's coll. Camb. from the printed copy in possession of Dr. Zachary Grey, editor of Hudibras. Vide also Loyd's State Worthies, p. 654, 655.

part of the Infanta, and for which end that great painter came to England. Among the Conway-papers I found a very curious and long letter from Gerbier himself on this occafion, which though too prolix to insert in the body of this work, I shall affix at the end, not only as pertinent to my subject from the part these painters had in so important a business, but as it is more particular than any thing I know in print on that occasion.

Gerbier kept his ground after the death of Buckingham. In 1628 he was knighted at Hampton-court, and, as he fays himself in one of his books, was promised by King Charles the office of surveyor-general of the works after the death of Inigo Jones.

In 1637 he seems to have been employed in some other private transactions of state, negotiating with the Duke of Orleans, the King's brother, who was discontented with the court. The Earl of Leicester, Embassador to Paris, writes * to Mr. Secretary

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^{*} Sidney papers, vol. ii. p. 528. In one of his dedications mentioned hereafter, Gerbier puts this Lord in mind of his having been in a publick employment when his Lordship was at Paris: and De Piles says that the Duke of Buckingham finding him a man of good understanding, recommended him to the King, who sent him as his agent to Brussels.

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Windebank Nov. 24. "I recieved a packet from Garbier to Monsseur d d" [French King's brother.]

July 13, 1641, he took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, having a bill of naturalization. * From that time to the death of the King I find no mention of him, though I do not doubt but a man of so supple, and intriguing a nature, so universal an undertaker, did not lie still in times of such dark and busy complection. However, whether miscarrying or neglected, † in 1648 he appears not only in the character of author, but sounder of

^{*} Journals of the Commons.

[†] Vertue fays he was much hated and perfecuted by the antimonarchic party, being always loyal ‡ and faithfull to the King and his fon, which may explain and soften what is said above of bis testimony being odious to tany man. He bought goods at King Charles's sale to the value of 350 l.

[‡] Gerbier was so far from deserving that character, that his-fifth lecture (with which I have lately met) read at his academy in White Fryars, on military architecture, is dedicated, 1650, to Major General Skippon, and is full of fulsome flattery; and tells him he is under the immediate protection of Providence, and that no man can really Perish in a good cause! In 1665 the versatile Gerbier published a piece he called Subfidium Peregrinentibus, or an Affishance to a Traveller (an incoherent medley, teeming with as many blunders and incorrections as his other tracts): this he addressed to James Duke of Monmouth.

an academy. In that year he published a thin quarto, intituled, The interpreter of the academie for forrain languages and all noble sciences and exercises. To all fathers of families and lovers of vertue, the first part, by Sir Balthazar Gerbier Knight. Lond. French and English; with a * print of his head in oval and this motto. Heureux qui en Dieu se confie. It is a most trisling fuperficial rhapfody, and deferved the farcasm that Butler passed on so incompetent + an attempt: In his fictitious will of Philip Earl of Pembroke that Lord is made to 'fay, " All my other speeches, of what colour foever, I give to the academy, to help Sir Balthazar's art of well-speaking."

In 1649 he published the ‡ first lecture

^{*} There is another print of him, half length, by Pontius after Vandyck, in which he is styled, Bruxellas Prolegatus.

[†] For instance, he translates Arcadia, Orcadys.

The So Vertue calls it; but it is probably a mistake, Mr. Masters being possessed of a tract, which is probably the same and corresponds exactly to Butler's words; it is intituled, The Art of Well-speaking, being a lecture read gratis at Sir B. Gerbier's academy, dedicated to the right high and supreame Power of this Nation, the Parliament of England, &c. dated 6 Jan. 1649.

of Geography read at Sir Balthazar Gerbier's academy at Bednal-green; by which it feems that at least his institution was opened. This piece I have not feen, nor the next, though from Vertue's extract one learns another singular anecdote of this projector's history.

" Sir Balthazar Gerbier's manifestation of greater profits to be done in the hot than the cold parts of America. Rotterdam 1660. Wherein is fet forth that he having a commission to go there, settle, and make enquirys, he went to Cajana (Cayenne) with his family and fettled at Surinam. A governor there from the Dutch had orders to feize upon him and all his papers and bring him back to Holland, which they did in a very violent manner, breaking into his house, killed one of his children, endangered the lives of the rest of his family, and narrowly escaped himfelf with his life, having a piftol charged at his breast if he resisted. They brought him to Holland: He complained, but got no redress, the states disowning they had given any fuch orders. However, it was just before the restoration, and knowing the obligations he had to England, they apprehended he might give the King notice of the advantages Vol. II.

advantages might be gained by a fettlement there."

This perhaps was one among the many provocations, which, meeting his inclinations to France, led Charles II. into his impolitic, though otherwise not wholly unjustifiable, war with Holland, a people too apt even in their depressed state, to hazard barbarous and brutal infraction of treaties and humanity, when a glimpse of commercial interest invites it.

Gerbier probably returned to England with that Prince, for the triumphal arches erected for his reception, are faid to have been defigned by Sir Balthazar. *

In France he published a book on fortification, and in 1662 at London a small discourse on magnificent buildings, dedicated to the King, in which he principally treats of solidity, convenience and ornament, and glances at some errors of Inigo Jones in the banquetting-house. Here too he mentions a large room built by himself near the watergate † at York-stairs, thirty-sive seet square, and says, that King Charles I. being in it in 1628 at some representation of

^{*} They were fo, v. Brit. Topogr. vol. i. 683.

[†] The gate itself was designed by Inigo.

fcenery, commended it, and expressed as much satisfaction with it as with the banquetting-house. In the piece he proposes to the Lords and Commons to level the streets, Fleet-bridge and Cheapside, and erect a sumptuous gate at Temple-bar, of which he had presented a draught to his majesty. Before this book is a different print of him with a ribband and a medal, inscribed C. R. 1653. The medal I suppose was given him when appointed, as he says he was, Master of the Ceremonies to Charles I.

His portrait in one piece with Sir Charles Cotterel and Dobson, painted by the latter, is at Northumberland-house; Gerbier has been mistaken in that picture for Inigo Jones. This piece was bought for 441. at the sale of Betterton the player.

- * Gerbier's last piece is a small manual, intituled, Counsel and Advice to all builders, &c. London 1663. A full half of this little piece is wasted on dedications, of which there are no sewer than forty, and which he
- Victor in his Companion to the Play-house, vol. i. says Gerbier wrote a play called, the False Favourite disgraced, and the Reward of Loyalty, tragi-comedy, 1657, and that it was never acted, and contains false English. By mistake he calls him Geo. instead of Balthazar.

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They are addressed to the Queen-mother, Duke of York, and most of the principal Nobility and Courtiers. The last is to his own disciple Captain William Wind. There is a heap of a kind of various knowledge even in these dedications, and some curious things, as well as in the book itself, particularly the prices of work and of all materials for building at that time. In one place he ridicules the heads of lions, which are creeping through the pilasters on the houses in Great Queen-street built by Webb, the scholar of Inigo Jones.

Hempsted-marshal, the seat of Lord Craven, since destroyed by sire, was the last production of Gerbier. He gave the designs for it, and died there in 1667 while it was * building, and was buried in the chancel of that church. The house was finished under the direction of Captain Wind abovementioned.

In the library of Secretary Pepys at Magdalen-college Cambridge, is a miscellaneous collection in French, of robes, manteaux, couronnes, armes, &c. d'Empereurs, Rois, Papes, Princes, Ducs et Comtes, anciens et anodernes, blazonnèes et eluminès par Balthazar Gerbier.

[•] The foundation was laid in 1662.

Among the Harleian MSS. N° 3384, is one, intituled, Sir Balthazar Gerbier, his admonitions and disputes with his three daughters, retired into the English nunnery at Paris, 1646.

Since the former edition of this work I have received a present from Mr. J. Bindley, of another piece of Gerbier which I never faw elsewhere. The title is, Les Effets pernicieux de meschants Favoris & grands Ministres d'Etat es provinces Belgiques, en Lorraine, Germanie, France, Italie, Espagne & Angleterre, & desabusès d'erreurs populaires sur le subject de Jaques & Charles Stuart, Roys de la Grande Bretagne, par le Chev. B. Gerbier, à la Haye, 1653. Small Duod. It is an ignorant fervile rhapfody, containing little argument, many lies, and some curious facts, if the author is to be believed. There are two dedications, one, à tous Empereurs, Roys, Reines, Princes, Princesses, Regentes, Etats & Magistrats; another to Charles II. The scope of the book is to lay all the faults committed by fovereigns on wicked favourites, in which class he ranks even the leaders of the Parliament which opposed Charles I. He gives a list of the favourites of James I. but excuses them all, as

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he does Buckingham and Charles I. The fecond part is a defence of James and Charles, and fuch a defence as they deferved! There follow Indexes of 3d, 4th and 5th parts, and the heads of what they were to contain in defence of Charles and of the chaftity of his queen against the Parliamentarians. Those probably never appeared.

He fays that Lord Cottington betrayed to Spain a defign of the Catholic States of Flanders to revolt in 1632 on their oppressions.—Such a witness may be believed.

He speaks of a young lady who was shut up between four walls for blabbing that Lasin, agent of Emanuel Duke of Savoy, by the advice of Count Fuentes, had incited Ravaillac to murder Henry IV. He says that Eggleston desired Sir W. Chaloner to ask Gerbier to get his pardon, on condition of his confessing that some Scotch and English had set him on publishing his libel, to blacken the Prince and Buckingham: that he wrote to the Secretary of State but got no answer.

He fays the Earl of Berkshire was likely to be Charles's minister on the death of James: that Larkin, who was employed at Paris to watch the sincerity of France, was drowned;

drowned; and that Rubens was sent to assure K. James that the Infanta had power to conclude the treaty for the restitution of the Palatinate. But his most remarkable anecdote, and probably a true one, is, that Monsieur Blinville, the French Embassador, when lodged at the Bishop of Durham's, celebrated mass openly, that the odium might fall on the King; and when the mob rose, told them, that he had been privately assured by the King and Buckingham that he might. Gerbier says, This was done by Richelieu's order; and he adds, that he himself was sent to Paris to complain of Blinville.

The late Prince of Wales hearing of a capital picture by Vandyck in Holland, to which various names of English families were given, as Sir Balthazar Arundel, Sir Melchior Arundel, Sir Balthazar Buckingham, or Sheffield, the last of which gained most credit from a resemblance in the arms, his Royal Highness gave a commission to purchase it, and it was brought to Leicester-house. It appeared that a celebrated piece, for which Lord Burlington had bid 5001. at Lord Radnor's sale, and which Mr. Scawen * bought at a

^{*} It was again exposed at Mr. Scawen's sale, but bought in, and has since been purchased by Sampson Gideon.

rest of the King's plans and attempts—and so great was the inveteracy to him, that it seems to have become part of the religion of the time to war on the arts, because they had been countenanced at court. The parliament began to sell the pictures at York-house so early as 1645, but lest the necessity of their affairs should not be thought sufficient justification, they coloured it over with a piece of fanatic bigotry that was perfectly ridiculous; passing the following votes among others July 23.*

Ordered, that all such pictures and statues there (York-house) as are without any superstition, shall be forthwith sold, for the beness of Ireland and the North.

Ordered, that all fuch pictures there, as have the representation of the second person in trinity upon them, shall be forthwith burnt.

1635, which arms are prefixed to the rules and orders of that Abblishment printed 1636. Previous to it's being set on foot, a committee had been appointed in the House of Lords, consisting of the Duke of Buckingham and others, for taking into consideration the state of the public schools and method of education. What progress was made by this committee is not known, but probably the Museum Minervæ owed it's rise to it.

* Journal of the Commons,

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Ordered, that all fuch pictures there, as have the representation of the Virgin Mary upon them, shall be forthwith burnt.

This was a worthy contrast to Archbishop Laud, who made a star-chamber-business of a man who broke some painted glass in the cathedral at Salisbury. The cause of liberty was then, and is always, the only cause that can excuse a civil war: yet if Laud had not doated on trifles, and the presbyterians been squeamish about them, I question whether the nobler motives would have had fufficient influence to fave us from arbitrary power. They are the flightest objects that make the deepest impression on the people. They seldom fight for a liberty of doing what they have a right to do, but because they are prohibited or enjoined some folly that they have or have not a mind to do. One comical instance of the humour of those times I find in Aubrey's history of Surrey; one Bleese was hired for half-a-crown a-day to break the painted glass windows of the church of Croydon. The man probably took care not to be too expeditious in the destruction.

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[•] Vol. ii. page 30.

Immediately after the death * of the King, feveral votes were passed for sale of his goods, pictures, statues, &c.

Feb. 20, 1648. It was referred to the committee of the navy to raise money by sale of the crown, jewels, hangings, and other goods of the late King.

Two days after, Cromwell, who, as foon as he was possessed of the sole power, stopped any farther † dispersion of the royal collec-

- * I cannot help inferting a fhort remark here, though foreign to the purpose. The very day after the execution of the King, was passed this vote, " Ordered, That the Lord Grey be defired, out of Haberdasher's-hall, to dispose of one hundred pounds for the fervice of the commonweath, as he shall think fit: and that the committee at Haberdasher's-hall be required forthwith to pay the same to the said Lord Grey for that purpose." This order is so covertly worded, without any particular application, at the same time that the sum is so small for any public service, that joined to the circumftance of time and the known zeal of the pay-master, I cannot doubt but this was intended for the reward of the executioner. Mr. West has an authentic account of the execution, in which it is faid, that Richard Brandon, the executioner, having found in the King's pocket an orange fluck with cloves, was offered 20 shillings for it; which he refused, but sold it for ten on his way home.
- † Ludlow prevented the fale of Hampton-court, for which he was much blamed by some of his friends. V. Biogr. Brit. vol. v. p. 3024.

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tion, and who even in this trifling instance gave an indication of his views, reported from the council of state, that divers goods belonging to the state were in danger of being embezzled; which notification was immediately followed by this order;

That the care of the public library at St. James's and of the statues and pictures there, be committed to the council of state, to be preserved by them.

However, in the ensuing month, • the house proceeded to vote, that the personal estate † of the late King, Queen and Prince should

* March 23, 1648.

† Somerset-house had a narrow escape during that lust of destruction, of which an account is preserved in a very scarce tract, intituled, "An Essay on the wonders of God in the harmony of the times that preceded Christ, and how they met in him, written in French by John D'Espagne minister of the gospel [who died in 1650] and now published in English by his executor Henry Browne, London, 1662, octavo." In the presace the editor tells us, "that the author preached at the French church in Durham-house, where his sermons were followed by many of the nobility and gentry. That demolished, he says, it pleased God to touch the hearts of the nobility to procure us an order of the House of Peers to exercise our devotions at Somerset-house-chapel, which was the cause, not only

should be inventoried, appraised and sold. except fuch parcels of them as should be thought fit to be reserved for the use of the state: and it was referred to the council of state to consider and direct, what parcels of the goods and personal estates aforesaid were fit to be reserved for the use of the state. Certain commissioners were at the same time appointed to inventory, fecure and appraise the faid goods, and others, not members of the bouse, were appointed to make sale of the faid estates to the best value. The receipts were to go towards fatisfying the debts and fervants of the King, Queen and Prince, provided fuch fervants had not been delinquents; the rest to be applied to public uses; the first thirty thousand pounds to be appropriated to the navy. This vote in

of driving away the Anabaptists, Quakers and other sects, that had got in there, but also hindered the pulling down of Somerset-house, there having been twice an order from the late usurped powers for selling the said house; but we prevailed so, that we still got order to exempt the chapel from being sold, which broke the design of those that had bought the said house, who thought for their improvement to have made a street from the garden thro' the ground the chapel stands on, and so up the back yard to the great street of the Strand by pulling down the said chapel."

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which they feem to have acted honestly, not allowing their own members to be concerned in the fale, was the cause that the collection fell into a variety of low hands, and were dispersed among the painters and officers of the late King's houshold, where many of them remained on sale with low prices affixed. The principal pieces were rated more highly, and some of them were even sold above their valuation.

Ireton on the 2d of June 1648 reported the act for fale, and mention is made of fome proposition of Captain Myldmay concerning the pictures and statues, to be referred to the council of state. This proposal it seems had been accepted but was revoked. Probably this person might be an agent of Cromwell to prevent the disperfion. Cromwell had greater matters to attend to; the sale proceeded. Two years afterwards, viz. in October and November 1650, the journals speak of sums of money received from the sale of the King's goods, and of various applications of the money towards discharge of his debts. From that time I find no farther mention of the collection in the records.

With regard to the jewels, the parliament immediately

immediately after the King's death ordered the crown and sceptres, &c. to be locked up. The Queen had already sold several jewels abroad to raise money and buy arms. Some had been sold in foreign countries early in the King's reign, particularly what was called the inestimable collar of rubies; * it had belonged to Henry VIII. and appears on his pictures and on a medal of him in

• There is a long warrant in Rymer directing the delivery of this collar, there termed the great collar of ballast rubies, and fundry other valuable jewels, to the Duke of Buckingham and Earl of Holland, to be difposed of by them beyond the seas, according to private orders which they had received from his majesty. The whole piece is curious, and mentions the danger there might be to the keepers of those jewels to let them go out of their hands, as they were of great value, and had long contynued as it were in a continual discent for many years togeather with the crowne of England. Foedera, vol. xviii. p. 236. In Thoresby's Museum was Sir Sackville Crow's book of accounts from the year 1622 to 1628, containing the receipts and disbursements of the private purse of the Duke of Buckingham in his voyages. into Spain and France; with the charge of his embaffage into the Low-countries; with the monies received upon the pawning the King's and his Grace's jewels, &c. V. Duc. Leod. p. 523. That Museum is.dispersed: but part of it being fold by auction in March 1764, I purchased the MS. in question, and shall hereafter perhaps print it with some other curious papers.

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Evelyn. His George, diamond and feals, which Charles at his execution destined to his fuccessor, the parliament voted should not be so delivered. A pearl which he always wore in his ear, as may be seen in his portrait on horseback by Vandyck, was taken out after his death, and is in the collection of the Duchess of Portland, attested by the handwriting of his daughter the Princess of Orange, and was given to the Earl of Portland by King William. *

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* Tavernier book iv. chap. 17. mentions having a diamond on which were engraved the arms of Charles I. The Sophy of Persia and his court were extremely surprized at the art of engraving so hard a jewel; but, fays Tavernier, I did not dare to own to whom it belonged, remembring what had formerly happened to the Chevalier de Reville on the subject of that King. The story, as he had related it before, in book ii. chap, 10. was, that Reville having told the Sophy that he had commanded a company of guards in the fervice of Charles, and being asked why he came into Persia? replied, that it was to dissipate the chagrin he felt on his master being put to death, and that since that time he cou'd not endure to live in Christendom. The Sophy fell into a rage, and asked Reville, how it was possible. if he was captain of the King's guards, that he and all his men shou'd not have shed the last drop of their blood in defence of their Prince? Reville was thrown into pri son and remained there 22 days, and estaped at last by Vol. II.

A catalogue of the pictures, statues, goods, tapestries and jewels, with the several prices at which they were valued and fold, was difcovered fome years ago in Moorfields, and fell into the hands of the late Sir John Stanley, who permitted Mr. Vicechamberlain Cook, Mr. Fairfax and Mr. Kent to takecopies, from one of which Vertue obtained as transcript. The particulars are too numerous to infert here. The total of the contracts amounted to 118,080 /- 10 s- 2 d. Thirty-one pages at the beginning relating to the plate and jewels were wanting, and other pages here and there were missing. Large quantities were undoubtedly fecreted and embezzled, and part remained unfolds by the accession of Cromwell, who lived both at Whitehall and Hampton-court. All other furniture from all the King's palaces was brought up and exposed to sale; there are specified particularly Denmark or Somerfet-house, Greenwich, *Whitehall, Nonthe intercession of the Sophy's eunuchs.-Had all Charles's foldiers been as loyal as the Perhan Monarch thought it their duty to be, we might now have the glory of being as faithfull flaves as the Afiatics.

* Among the pictures from Greenwich is mentioned one piece of writing by Holbein, fold for ten pounds.

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fuch, Oatlands, Windfor, Wimbleton-house, St. James's, Hampton-court, Richmond, Theobald's, Ludlow, Carisbrook and Kenel-worth castles; Bewdley-house, Holdenby-house, Royston, Newmarket, and Woodstock manor-house. One may easily imagine that such a collection of pictures, with the remains of jewels and plate, and the surniture of ninereest palaces ought to have amounted to a far greater sum than an hundred and eighteen thousand pounds.*

The fale continued to August 9, 1653. The prices were fixed, but if more was offered, the highest bidder purchased; this happened in some instances, not in many. Part of the goods were sold by inch of candle. The buyers, called contractors, signed a writing for the several sums. If they disliked the bargain, they were at liberty to be discharged from the agreement of paying one south of the sum stipulated. Among the purchasers of statues and pic-

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^{*} R. Symonds fays, the committee of Somerfet-house prized the King's goods and moveables with the pictures at 200,000 l. notwithstanding the Queen had carried away and himself caused to be conveyed away abundance of jewels; and for this he cites Beauchampy clerk to the committee.

tures were several painters, as Decritz, Wright, Baptist, Van Leemput, Sir Balthazar Gerbier, &c. The prices of the most remarkable lots were as follows: The cartoons of Raphael, 300 l. bought by his Highness (Cromwell.) The royal family (now in the gallery at Kensington) 150 l. The King on horseback (in the same place) 200 l. The triumphs of Julius Caesar by Andrea Mantegna (now at Hampton-court). 1000 l. Twelve Caesars by Titian, 1200 l. The muses by Tintoret, (at Kensington) valued at 80 l. fold for 100 l. Alexander VI. and Caesar Borgia by Titian, 1001. Triumph of Vespasian and Titus by Julio Romano (at Paris) 150 l. The great piece of the Nativity by Julio Romano, 500 l. It feems the act for destroying what they called superstitious pieces was not well observed. Two pieces of tapestry of the five senses by Sir Francis Crane, 2701. Mention is made of two fets more ancient, of the landing of Henry VII. and the * marriage of Prince Arthur.

This latter piece is extant at an abandoned house of the late Lord Aston's, now a popish seminary, at Standon near Puckeridge, Hertfordshire. The work is coarse, and the sigures do not seem to have been portraits.

Arthur. From Windsor a picture of Edward III. with a green curtain before it, 41. Mary, Christ, and many Angels dancing by Vandyck, valued only at 401. This is the picture at Houghton, for which my father gave 800 l. it was twice fold before for above 1000 l. whence I conclude there was fome knavery in the valuation of it. Venus by Correggio, 1000 l. Mary, Child and St. Jerome, by Parmegiano, 1501. The Venus del Pardo by Titian, valued at 5001. fold for 6001. Marquis del Guasto haranguing his foldiers by Titian, 2501. Venus dreffing by the Graces, Guido (at Kenfington) 2001. Herodias with the head of St. John by Titian, 1501. (with his Highness.) The little Madonna and Christ by Raphael, 8001. St. George by Raphael, 1501. Marquis of Mantua by ditto. 2001. Frobenius and Erasimus by Holbein, 2001. Our Lady, Christ and others by Old Palma, 2001. A man in black by Holbein, 1201. St. John by Leonardo da Vinci, 1401. Duke of Bucks and his brother by Vandyck, (now at Kensington)

traits, but the habits are of the time. In one corner Henry VII. and Ferdinand are conferring amicably on a joint throne.

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valued at 30% fold for 50%. This is one of the finest pictures of that master. A Satyr stayed by Correggio, 1000%. Mercury teaching Cupid to read, Venus standing by, by Correggio, 800%. The King's head by Bernini, 800%. A statue of Tiberius larger than life, 500%. The Gladiator in brass (now at Houghton) 300%. Christ washing the feat of his disciples, 300%.

Among the contractors appears Mr. John Leigh, who on August 1, 1649, buys goods for the use of Lieutenant-general Cromwell to the value of 1091,-55.-0d. and on the 15th are fold to the Right hon. the Lady Cromwell goods to the amount of two hundred pounds more. But no foener was Cromwell in possession of the sole power, than he not only prevented any farther fale, but even detained from the purchasers much of what they had contracted for. This anpears by a * petition, addressed, after the protector's death, to the council of state, by major Edward Bass, Emanuel de Critz, William Latham, and Henry Willet in behalf of themselves and divers others, in which they represent,

^{*} Copied by Vertue from a paper in possession of Mar. Martin.

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"That in the year 1651, the petitioners did buy of the contractors for the fale of the late King's goods, the several parcels there under-named, and did accordingly make fatisfaction unto the Treasurer for the same. But for as much as the said goods are in Whitehall, and some part thereof in Mr. Kinnersley's custody in keeping, the petitioners do humbly desire their honours' order, whereby they may receive the said goods, they having been great sufferers by the late General Cromwell's detaining thereof; and the petitioners, &cc."

The goods specified are hangings, and statues in the garden at Whitehall. It is very remarkable that in this piece they style the Protector, the late General Cromwell.

Whence Charles had his statues we learn from Peacham; "The King also, says he, ever since his coming to the crown hath amply testified a royal liking of ancient statues, by causing a whole army of old so-reign Emperors, Captains and Senators all at once to land on his coasts, to come and do him homage, and attend him in his palaces of St. James's and Somerset-house. A great part of these belonged to the late Duke of Mantua; and some of the old H 4

Greek marble bases, columns, and altars were brought from the ruins of Apollo's temple at Delos, by that noble and absolutely compleat gentleman Sir Kenelm Digby Knight." *

Some of the most capital pictures were purchased by the King of Spain, which arriving there while the Embassadors of Charles II. were at that court, they were defired, by an odd kind of delicacy, to withdraw, they supposing that this dismission was owing to an account received at the fame time of Cromwell's victory over the Marquis of Argyle; "but, fays Lord Clarendon, + they knew afterwards that the true cause of this impatience to get rid of them, was that their minister in England, having purchased many of the King's pictures and rich furniture, had fent them to the Groyne; from whence they were expected to arrive about that time at Madrid: which they thought could not decently be brought to the palace while the ambassadors remained at the court."

After the restoration endeavours were used to reassemble the spoils, A commis-

^{*} Compleat Gentleman, 107.

[†] In his life, p. 119. fol. edit.

fion was issued out to examine Hugh Peters concerning the disposal of the pictures, jewels, &c. that had belonged to the royal family, but without effect, by the obstinacy or ignorance of Peters, who would not or could not give the desired satisfaction. Some of the pictures had been purchased by Gerard Reyntz, † a Dutch collector, after whose death they were bought of his widow by the states and presented to Charles II. One only picture [the King on horseback by Vandyck] was recovered by a process at law from Remèe or Remigius Van Leemput a painter then in England, who had bought it at the sale.

Notwithstanding the havoc that had been made, it is plain from the catalogue of the collection of James II. that the crown still possessed a great number of valuable pictures, but the fire of Whitehall destroyed almost all that the rage of civil war had spared. Some valuable pieces indeed were carried to Lisbon from Somerset-house by the Queen Dowager, when she returned to Portugal. The then Lord Chamberlain, it is

^{*} See General Dict. vol. ii. p. 384.

[†] They are engraved in Reyntz's gallery.

faid, put a stop to their embarkation, 'till mollisted by the present of one of them that he admired.

The royal library escaped better: This was founded by James I. It contained the collection belonging to the crown, among which were feveral fine editions on vellom, fent as presents from abroad, on the restoration of learning, to Henry VII. Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth; the library of the Lord Lumley, purchased by James for Prince Henry, the collection of Cafaubon bought of his widow, and some curious MSS. brought from Constantinople by Sir Thomas Roe. These books have been given to the British Museum by his late majesty. To this library Prince Henry had added a large number of coins, medals, cameos and intaglias, the Dactyliotheca of Gorlaeus. Mr. Young, librarian to Charles I. * was removed by the council of state in 1649, at which time an account of the books and coins was taken: of the latter there were 1200, of which 400 only remained at the

restoration.

^{*} In this library, says Perinchief, was kept a collection of his, of the excellent sayings of authors, written by his own hand, and in his youth, presented to his father King James. Life of Charles, p. 219.

restoration. Among the Duke of Ormand's letters is one dated April 2, 1640, where he says, " All the rarities in the King's library at St. James's are vanished." Yet it is evident many remained, for in June 1659 a vote passed " that the Lord Whitlocke be defired and authorized to take upon him the care and custody of the library at Tames-house, and of all the books, manuscripts and medals, that are in or belonging to the faid library, that the fame be fafely kept and preserved, and to recover all fuch as have been embezzled or taken out of the same." Charles II. after his return ordered Ashmole * to draw up an account of the medals that were left, and placed them in the closet of Henry VIII. at Whitehall, where they were lost at the fire.

What farther relates to Charles I. as protector of the arts, will be found in the subfequent pages, under the articles of the different professors whom he countenanced. If this chapter has not been thought tedious and too circumstantial, the readers who excuse it, will not perhaps be forry if

Memoires of El. Ashmele prefixed to his Berkshire; p. 10. 24.

I add a little more to it on that other patron of genius, the Earl of Arundel.

- * Thomas Howard Earl of Arundel is fufficiently known in his public character
- * There is a fhort view of his life in Sir Edward Walker's historical discourses, and some curious particulars in Lilly's observations on the life and death of King Charles. As the book is not in every body's hands, one anecdote may be worth transcribing. The King taking the part of a priest, who pretended that his majesty had a right to a rectory which the Earl challenged as his, Arundel said to Charles, "Sir, this rectory was an appendent to a manour of mine, untill my grandfather unfortunately lost both his life and seventeen lordships more, for the love he bore to your grandmother." P. 51.

I have found another anecdote of this Earl that I have met with no where elfe. In the life of Aretine in Les Vies des Hommes & des Femmes illustres d'Italie. par une Societé de gens de lettres, Paris 1768. vol. i. p. 388, it is faid, that Aretine having dedicated the 2d vol. of his letters to James I. and receiving no reward, follicited one for five years. Hearing at last that the Earl of Arundel had orders to give him 500 crowns, and not receiving them, he accused the Earl publicly of having funk them for his own use. The Earl ordered his fervants to beat Aretine, which they did severely. The corrected libeller published that the Earl had no hand in the beating him, went to him, begged the money, and received it. The Peer's refentment and the Satirist's mercenary servility are both very credible.

by that admirable portrait drawn of him by Lord Clarendon. Living much within himfelf, but in all the state of the ancient nobility, his chief amusement was his collection, the very ruins of which are ornaments now to feveral principal cabinets. He was the first who professedly began to collect in this country, and led the way to Prince Henry, King Charles, and the Duke of Buckingham. "I cannot, fays Peacham, * but with much reverence mention the every way Right Honourable Thomas Howard Lord High Marshal of England, as great for his noble patronage of arts and. ancient learning, as for his high birth and place; to whose + liberal charges and magnificence this angle of the world oweth the first sight of Greek and Roman statues, with whofe

^{*} Compleat Gentleman, p. 107.

[†] In one of R. Symondes's pocket-books in the mufeum is a character not quite so favourable of the Earl. "Mai, says he, rimunero persona. Bra molto genereso e libero a sorastieri per guadagnare sama, ed in quella cosa spendea liberamente." There are also the sollowing hints. "Old Earle sece rubare pezzo diquel quadro di Veronese a Padova, but it was spoiled, says Mr. Jer. Lanier. Last Earl Thomas, molto lodato di Jer. Lanier per nom honestissimo et civile ed

whose admired presence he began to honorie the gardens and galleries of Arundel-house about twenty * years ago, and hath ever fince continued to transplant old Greece inco England." The person chiefly emphoyed by the Earl in these researches was Mr. Petty. It appears from Sir Thomas-Roe's letters, who had a commission of the like nature from the Duke of Buckingham, + that no man was ever better qualified for fuch an employment than Mr. Perty; "He encounters, fays Sir Thomas, I all accidents with unwearied patience, cans with Greeks on their work-days, her with fillnermen on planks, is all things that may obtain his ends." Mr. Petry returning with his collection from Samos, narrowly

intendentissimo: per patto surono d'accordo d'andare in Italia quest' anno 1654 per comprare disegni e quadri." This Thomas must be the person who was restored to the title of Doke of Norselle by Charles II. and died at Padue in 1678.

. This was printed in 1634.

† "Neither am I, says the Duke, so fond of antiquity, as you rightly conjecture, to court it in a deformed or mishapen stone." P. 534.

1 Page 495. See the particulars of feetal purchases made by Sir Thomas; and Mr. Petty, in various letters in that collection. They are worth seading.

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Painters in the Reign of Charles I. 127 escaped with his life in a great storm, but lost all his curiosities, and was imprisoned for a spy, but obtaining his liberty pursued his searches.

Many curious pieces of painting and antiquities, especially medals, the Earl bought of Henry Vanderborcht a painter of Bruffels, who lived at Frankendal, and whose son Henry, Lord Arundel finding at Frankfest, fent to Mr. Petty then collecting for him in Italy, and afterwards kept in his service as long as he lived. Vanderborcht the younger was both painter and graver; he drew many of the Arundelian curiofities, and etched several things both in that and the royal collection. A book of his drawings from the former, containing 567 pieces, is preferved at Paris; and is described in the catalogue of L'orangerie, p. 199. After the death of the Earl, the younger Henry entered into the service of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Charles II. and lived in esteem in. London for a confiderable time, but returned. to Answerp and died there. * There are

^{*} See English School, p. 467. There is a print by Hollar of Elias Allen, from a painting of Vander-borcht.

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prints by Hollar of both father and fon; the former done from a painting of the latter.

The Earl was not a meer felfish virtuoso: he was bountifull to men of talents, retaining some in his service, and liberal to all. * He was one of the first who discovered the: genius of Inigo Jones, † and was himfelf, fays Lilly, I the first who "brought over the new way of building with brick in the city. greatly to the fafety of the city, and prefervation of the wood of this nation." Norgate whom I have mentioned partook of his' favours. On his & embassy to Vienna he found Hollar at Prague and brought him over, where the latter engraved a great number of plates from pictures, drawings. and curiofities in the Arundelian collection. There is a fet of small prints by Hollar, views of Albury, the Earl's fear in Surrey.

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^{*} The famous Oughtred was taken into Arundel-house to instruct the Earl's son, Lord William Howard, in mathematics—but it seems was disappointed of preferment. See Biogr. Brit. vol. v. p. 3280. 3283. 3284.

⁺ Some carved feats by Inigo were purchased from Tarthall and placed in a temple at Chiswick by Lord Burlington.

[†] Observations on the life of K. Charles, p. 51.

[§] An account of this embaffy was drawn up and published by Crowne, who attended the Earl.

"Lord Arundel thought, * fays Evelyn, that one who could not design a little, would never make an honest man." A soolish observation enough, and which, if he had not lest better proofs, would give one as little opinion of the judgment of the speaker, as it does of that of the relator. The Earl seems to have had in his service another painter, one Harrison, now only known to us by a chronologic diary, in which he records particulars relating to old Parr, whom Lord Arundel had a curiosity to see, †

At the beginning of the troubles the Earl transported himself and his collection to Antwerp, and dying not long after at Padua, he divided his personal estate between his sons Henry Lord Maltravers, and Sir William Howard Viscount Stafford. Of what came to the eldest branch, since Dukes of Norfolk, the most valuable part fell into

^{*} Sculptura p. 103.

[†] See Peck's collection of divers curious historical pieces, subjoined to his lives of Cromwell and Milton. The Earl sent Parr, who was then blind, to King Charles. The King said to him, "You have lived longer than other men; what have you done more than other men?" He replied, "I did penance when I was an hundred years old."

the hands of the Duchess who was divorced: the statues she fold * to the last Earl of Pomfret's father, which have been lately given by the Countess Dowager to the univerfity of Oxford, which had before been enriched with those curious records called the Arundelian marbles: The cameos and intaclias the Duchess of Norfolk bequeathed to her second husband Sir John Germayne: They + are now in the possession of hiswidow Lady Elizabeth Germayne. ‡ Among them is that inimitable cameo, the marriage of Cupid and Psyche, which I should not scruple to pronounce the finest remain of antique sculpture in that kind. The coins and medals came into the possession of Thomas Earl of Winchelfea, and in 1696' were fold by his executors to Mr. Thomas Hall. Arundel-house was pulled down in 1678. The remainder of the collection was

[•] The Duchess it is said wanted money and sold them for 300%.

[†] Part of this collection were the antique gems published by Apollina at Rome, 1627, and afterwards by Licetus of Genoa.

[‡] Since the first edition of this book, Lady E. Germayne has given them to Lord Charles Spencer, on his marriage with her great niece Miss Beauclerc, and he to his brother the Duke of Marlborough.

preserved as Tarthall, without the gate of St. James's park near Buckingham-house. Those curiolities too were fold by auction in 1720, * and the house itself has been lately demodified. At that fale Dr. Meade bought the head of Homer, + after whose death it was purchased by the present Earl of Exeter, and by him prefented to the Britifn Museum. It is believed to have been brought from Constantinople, and to have been the head of the very statue in the imperial palace described by Cedrenus. rest of the figure was melted in the fire. The Earl of Arundel had tried to procure the obelisk, since erected in the Piazza Navona at Rome: and he offered the value of 70001. in money or land to the Duke of Buckingham for a capital picture of Titian called the Ecce homo, in which were introduced the portraits of the Pope, Charles V. and Solyman the magnificent.

• Mr. West has the printed catalogue (which was miserably drawn up) with the prices. That sale produced 65351.

† It is engraved in a print from Vandyck of the Earl and Counters, in which the Earl, who has a globe near him, is pointing to Madagascar, where he had thoughts of making a settlement.

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The Earl has been painted by Rubens and Vandyck. The present Duke of Argyle has a fine head of him by the former. By the latter he was drawn in armour with his grandfon Cardinal Howard. The Earl had defigned too to have a large picture, like that at Wilton, of himself and family: Vandyck actually made the defign, but by the intervention of the troubles it was executed only in small by Ph. Frutiers at Antwerp, from whence Vertue engraved a plate. The Earl and Countess are sitting under a state; before them are their children, one holds a shield * presented by the great Duke of Tuscany to the famous Earl of Surrey at a tournament, and two others bring the helmet and fword of James IV. taken at the victory of Floddenfield, by the Earl of Surrey's father, Thomas Duke of Norfolk. Portraits of both those noblemen are represented as hanging up near the canopy.

I will conclude this article and chapter with mentioning that Franciscus Junius † was taken by the Earl of Arundel for his li-

[•] This shield is now in the possession of his Grace the Duke of Norfolk.

[†] See his article in the General Dictionary.

Painters in the Reign of Charles I. 133 brarian, and lived in his family thirty years. The Earl had purchased part of the library of the Kings of Hungary from Pirkeymerus; Henry Duke of Norsolk, by persuasion of Mr. Evelyn, bestowed it on the Royal Society.

[•] See London, and the Environs, vol. v. p. 291.

ANECDOTES OF PAINTING, &c.

CHAP. III.

Painters in the Reign of CHARLES I.

Sir PETER PAUL RUBENS.

NE cannot write the life of Rubens without transcribing twenty authors. The most common books expatiate on a painter, whose works are so numerous and so well known. His pictures were equally adapted to please the ignorant and the conoisseurs. Familiar subjects, familiar histories, treated with great lustre and fullness of colouring, a richness of nature and propriety of draperies, recommend themselves at first sight to the eyes of the vulgar. The just boldness of his drawing, the wonderfull chiaro scuro diffused throughout his pictures, and not loaded like Rembrandt's to force out one peculiar spot of light, the variety of his carnations, the fidelity to the customs and manners of the times he was representing, and attention to every part of his compositions, without enforcing trifles

too much or too much neglecting them, all this union of happy excellencies endear the works of Rubens to the best judges: he is perhaps the fingle artist who attracts the suffrages of every rank. One may justly call him the popular painter; he wanted that majefty and grace which confine the works of the greatest masters to the fewest admirers. I shall be but brief on the circumstances of his life; he staid but little here, in which light only he belongs to this treatife.

* His father was doctor of laws and fenator of Antwerp, which he quitted on the troubles of that country and retired with his family to Cologn, where on the feaft of St. Peter and Paul his wife was delivered of Rubens in 1577. Great care was taken of his education; he learned and fpoke Latin in perfection. When Antwerp was reduced by the arms of Philip, Rubens the father returned to his native country. The fon was grown up, and was well made. The Countess of Lalain took him for her page; but he had too elevated a disposition to

Phis extract is chiefly made from Felibien vol. iii. p. 404. from Descamps p. 297. and Sandrart.

throw away his talents on fo diffipated a way of life. He quitted that service, and his father being dead, his mother confented to let him purfue his passion for painting. Toby Verhaest, a landscape-painter, and Adam Van Oort were his first masters, and then Otho Venius, under whom he imbibed (one of his least merits) a taste for allegory. The perplexed and filly emblems of Venius are well known. Rubens with nobler simplicity is perhaps less just in his. One may call fome of his pictures a toleration of allreligions. In one of the compartments of the Luxemburgh gallery, a cardinal introduces Mercury to Mary de' Medici, and Hymen supports her train at the sacrament of marriage, before an altar on which are the images of God the Father and Christ. * At the age of twenty-three Rubens fet out for Italy, and entered into the fervice of Vincent Gonzaga Duke of Mantua. One day while he was at that court, and was painting the story of Turnus and Aeneas, intending to warm his imagination by the rapture of

[•] See more on this subject at the end of Mr. Spence's Polymetis.

Painters in the Reign of Charles I. 137 poetry, he repeated with energy those lines of Virgil: *

Ille etiam patriis agmen ciet, &c.

The Duke who over heard him and entered the chamber, was surprized to find the mind of his painter cultivated with a variety of gracefull litterature. Rubens was named Envoy to Spain, and carried magnificent presents to the savorite Duke of Lerma; exerting at that court his political and elegant talents with a dignity and propriety that raised the latter without debasing the former. He conversed little with the painters of that country except Velasquez, with whom he continued a correspondence of letters.

The fame of the young painter reached Don John of Braganza, afterwards King of Portugal, who invited him to Villa Viciosa. Rubens set out with such a train, that the Duke apprehended the expence of entertaining so pompous a visitor, and wrote to stop his journey, accompanying the excuse with a present of fifty pistoles. The painter

refused

No wonder his emulation was raifed at Mantua, where the works of Homer were treated by Raphael and Julio Romano.

refused the present, said he had not proposed to paint, but to pass a week at Villa Viciosa, and had brought a thousand pistoles that he intended to spend there.

Returned to Mantua, the Duke fent him to Rome to copy the works of the great mafters. There he studied them, not what they had studied, the ancients; Rubens was too careless of the antique as Poussin copied it too fervilely. The former feemed never to have seen a statue, the latter nothing else. The reputation of Titian and Paul Veronese drew Rubens to Venice: there he was in his element, in the empire of colours. There he learned to imitate nature; at Rome he had miffed the art of improving on it. If he has not the simplicity of Titian, he has far more than Paul Veronese. The buildings with which he has enriched the back grounds of his compositions, do not yield to those of the latter; his landscapes are at least equal to those of the former. Seldom as he practifed it, Rubens was never greater than in landscape; the tumble of his rocks and trees, the deep shadows in his glades and glooms, the watery funshine, and dewy verdure, show a variety of genius, which are not to be found

found in the inimitable but uniform glow of Claud Lorrain.

Rubens was much worse employed at Genoa, where he drew most of their palaces, and caused them to be engraved in two volumes. How could a genius like his overlook the ruins of Rome, the designs of Raphael and Michael Angelo, and the restorers of ancient architecture at Venice, and waste his time on the very moderate beauties that he found at Genoa, where their greatest art lay in crowding magnificence into a narrow and almost useless situation? where most of their palaces can only be seen from a sedan chair.

His mother's illness drew him back to Antwerp, where the Archduke Albert detained him, and where he married his first wife Elizabeth Brants. He built a palace and painted it within and without. His cabinet or rotunda was enriched with antique vases, statues, medals and pictures. The Duke of Buckingham saw and coveted it. Le Blond, whom I have mentioned in the life of Holbein, negotiated the bargain, to which Rubens consented with regret. The savorite, who was bent on the purchase,

purchase, gave, it is said, ten thousand pounds for what had not cost above a thou-sand.

In Flanders he executed many great works, which created him as many enemies. They affected to ascribe to the scholars whom he had formed or been forced to take to assist him, as Jordaens, Van Uden, Snyder, and Wildens, the merits of the master-but the greater the talents of the affiftants, the higher the genius of the mafter. Do able painters work under an indifferent one? Abraham Janssens challenged Rubens to a trial of their art: Rubens replied he would engage with him, when Tanssens had proved himself worthy to be his competitor. A more friendly offer was rejected by him with equal wit. A chymist tendered him a share of his laboratory and of his hopes of the philosopher's stone. Rubens carried the visionary into his painting room, and told him his offer was dated twenty years too late, " for fo long it is, faid he, fince I found the art of making gold with my pallet and pencils."

From Antwerp he was called to Paris by Mary de' Medici, and painted the oftenfible history

history of her life in the Luxemburgh. • A peculiar honour, as that Princess was an Italian. It is even faid that he gave her some lessons in drawing. If the prodigious number of large pieces painted by Rubens were not testimonies of the abundance and facility of his genius, this gallery alone, compleated in three years, would demonstrate it. As foon as it was finished, he returned to Antwerp, where his various talents were fo conspicuous, that he was pitched upon to negotiate a treaty of peace between Spain and England. The Infanta Isabella sent him to Madrid for instructions, where he ingratiated himself so much with the Conde-Duc D'olivarez, that besides many valuable presents, he had a brevet for himself and his fon of secretary of the Privy-council, and was dismissed with a secret commission to King Charles, as I have mentioned before, in which he had the honour of fucceeding.

Neither Charles nor Rubens overlooked

It is faid that she designed he should fill another gallery with the story of Henry IV. her husband, and that he had begun several of the compartments, but the troubles of that Princess prevented the execution. Abregè de la vie des peintres. Vol. ii. p. 141.

in the Embassador the talents of the Painter. The King engaged him to paint the cieling of the Banquetting-house. The design is the apotheolis of King James, for whom, when once deified, there feems to have been no farther thought of erecting a monument. The original sketch for the middle compartment is preserved at Houghton: It had belonged to Sir Godfrey Kneller, who often studied it, as is evident by Sir Godfrey's original sketch, at Houghton too, for the great equestrian picture of King William at: Hampton-court, though in the larger piecehe feems to have forgot that he ever had studied the former defign. Sir Godfrey had heard that Jordaens affifted Rubens in the execution; if true, some of the compartments must have been painted in Holland and fent over hither, for I do not find that Jordaens was ever in England. Rubens received three thousand pounds for his work. The building itself cost seventeen thousand pounds. What had it been, if compleated! Vandyck was to have painted the fides with the history of the order of the garter. Inigo Jones, Rubens, and Vandyck! Europe could not have shown a nobler

nobler chamber. Kent in the late reign repaired the painting on the cieling.

During his residence here Rubens painted for the King a St. George, * four seet high and seven seet wide. His majesty was represented in the Saint, the Queen in Cleodelinde; each figure one soot and half high; at a distance a view of Richmond and the Thames. In another picture the benefits of peace and miseries of war. †

Theodore Rogiers ‡ modelled for the King a filver ewer defigned by Rubens, with the judgment of Paris. There is a print from this vase by James Ness.

This great painter was knighted at White-

^{*} In a letter in the Museum dated March 6, 1630, it is said, "My Lord Carlisse hath twice in one week most magnificently seasted the Spanish Embassador and Mons. Rubens also, the agent who prepared the way for his coming: who in honour of our nation hath drawn with his pencil the history of St. George, wherein (if it be possible) he hath exceeded himself; but the picture he hath sent home into Flanders to remain as a monument of his abode and employment here." This, I suppose; was a repetition of the picture he drew for the King: One of them is now in the collection of the Earl of Lincoln.

[†] See King Charles's catalogue p. 86.

[†] There is a head of Rogiers among the artists drawn by Vandyck.

hall Feb. 21, 1630, and the King gave him an addition to his arms, on a dexter canton, gules, a lion paffant, or.

A large print from his picture of the defect from the cross, engraved by Vosterman in 1620, is thus dedicated, Illustrissimo, excellentissimo et prudentissimo domino, domino Dudleio Carleton equiti, magnae Britanniae regis ad confaederatos in Belgio ordines legato, pictoriae artis egregio * admiratori, P. P. Rubens, gratitudinis et benevolentiae ergo, nuncupat, dedicat.

We have in England several capital works of Rubens. Villiers Duke of Buckingham had thirteen, and Sir Peter Lely sive. † The Duchess of Marlborough gave any price for his pictures. They ‡ are the first ornaments of Blenheim but have suffered

There is a print of Sir Dudley Carleton by W. Delff, from a painting of Mirevelt, thus inscribed, Illust. excell. ac prudent. domino Dn. Dudleyo Carleton equiti, magnae Britanniae regis apud confoederatarum provinciarum in Belgio ordines legato, &c. pictoriae artis non solum admiratori, sed etiam insigniter perito. Sculptor dedicat.

⁺ See their catalogues by Bathoe.

[†] There are fixteen pieces by this master; the best are, his own portrait with his wife and child, the offering of the Magi, and the Roman charity.

by neglect. At Wilton are two; one, the Assumption of the Virgin, painted for the Earl of Arundel while Rubens was in England, and with which he was so pleased himfelf, that he afterwards made a large picture from it for a convent at Antwerp. The other contains four children, Christ, an Angel, St. John, and a girl representing the church. This picture which is far superior to the foregoing, and very fine, is faid in the catalogue to be allowed to be the best picture in England of Rubens; an hyperbole indeed. * At the Earl of Pomfret's at Easton was a portrait of Lodowic Duke of Richmond and Lenox. At Houghton is that masterly piece, Mary Magdalen anointing the feet of Christ; and a large cartoon of Meleager and Atalanta. There too are three pieces in three different styles, in each of which he excelled, a landscape; † and satyrs; and lions. Animals, especially

[•] See Kennedy's account of Wilton p. 76.79.

[†] This picture is well known by the print, a cart overturning in a rocky country by moonlight. The Earl of Harcourt has a duplicate of this picture, at his feat of Nuneham in Oxfordshire, where are scenes worthy of the bold pencil of Rubens, or to be subjects for the tranquill sunshines of Claud Lorrain. The noblest and largest landscape of Rubens is in the royal Vol. II.

especially of the savage kind, he painted beyond any master that ever lived. In his fatyrs, though highly coloured and with characteristic countenances, he wanted poetic imagination. They do not feem a separate species, but a compound of the human and animal, in which each part is kept too diftinct. His female fatyrs are scarce more indelicate than his women; one would think that, like Swift, he did not intend that Yahoos should be too discriminate from human nature; though what the fatyrist drew from spleen, flowed in the painter from an honestilove of flesh and blood. There are befides in Lord Orford's collection the sketches for the Cardinal Infant's entry into Antwerp. the family of Rubens by his scholar Jordaens; and his fecond wife Helena Forman, a celebrated whole length by Vandyck.

The fine picture of St. Martin the late Prince of Wales bought of Mr. Bagnol, who brought it from Spain. It is remarkable that in this piece Rubens has borrowed the head of an old man from the cripple

collection. It exhibits an almost birds-eye view of an extensive country with such masterly clearness and intelligence, as to contain in itself-alone a school for painters of landscape.

in one of the cartoons, of which I have faid he gave information to King Charles, who burchased them. At Lord Spencer's at Wimbleton is a fine portrait of Cardinal Howard. At Burleigh is an Ebony Cabinot the front and fides of which are painted by Rubens; at one end are his three Wives. highly coloured.

I do not find how long Rubens stayed in England, probably not above a year. He died of the gout in his own country in 1640. A catalogue of his works may be feen in

Descamps. *

Mr. Maurice Johnson of Spalding in Lincolnshire, a great antiquary, produced to the Society of Antiquaries some years ago a MS. containing discourses and observations on human bodies, and on the statues and paintings of the ancients and moderns, written partly in Latin, partly in Italian, and some notes in Dutch, and illustrated with feveral drawings, as heads, attitudes, proportions, &c. habits of Greeks and Ro-

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See also a list of the works of Rubens in Le Comte's cabinet des singularitez d'architecture, peinture, &c. vol. i. p. 251. There are forty-fix pieces painted by him in the Elector Palatine's gallery at Dusseldorp; one of them, the last judgment, is so feet high, and 15 wide.

mans, various instruments, utensils, armour, and head-dreffes from coins and statues, and comparisons of Raphael, Michael Angelo and others. It was an octavo pocket-book, and appeared to be an exact copy of Rubens's Album, which he used in his travels; the drawings, and even hand-writing and different inks being exactly imitated. book was brought from Bruffels by Capt. Johnson, Mr. Johnson's son, and had one leaf of the original in it, with a fketch of the head of the Farnelian Hercules. The original itself is at Paris, where they intended to publish it. An account of it is given in the catalogue raisonnè de monsieur Quintin de L'orangerie, par Frederic Gerfaint, 1744. Albert Rubens, son of Sir Peter Paul, was a learned man and medallist, he published the Duc d'Arscot's medals with s commentary, and a treatise de Re vestiarià & de lato Clavo. V. Biblioth. choisie de Co-Iomies, p. 96.

ABRAHAM DIEPENBECK,

among the various scholars of Rubens, was one of the sew that came to England, where he was much employed by William Cavendish Duke of Newcastle, whose managed horses

he drew from the life, from whence were engraved the cuts that adorn that Peer's book of horsemanship. Several of the original pictures still remain in the hall at Welbeck. Diepenbeck drew views of the Duke's feats in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and portraits of the Duke, Duchess. and his children, and gave defigns for feveral plates prefixed to the works of both their Graces. "Diepenbeck, fays De Piles, was born at Boisleduc, and in his youth was much employed in painting upon glass, * and entering afterwards into the school of Rubens, became one of his best disciples." Several prints were made from his works, particularly those he designed for a book, called. The Temple of the Muses, engraved by Bloemart and Martham in 1663, † and his portraits of Leffius and Bellarmine by Bolfvert, 1 and of Sir Hugh Cartwright 1656 by Vosterman.

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^{*} Sandrart fays he excelled all the other painters on glass.

[†] Sandrart. See a farther account of Diepenbeck in the Abregè de la vie des plus fameux peintres, vol. ii. p. 198. At Cashiobury is the story of Dido and Æneas by him. Sir R. Walpole had another, but smaller.

¹ V. Evelyn's Sculptura p. 73.

Sir ANTONY VANDYCK.

whole works are so frequent in England that the generality of our people can scarce avoid thinking him their countryman, was born at Antwerp in 1598, the only fon of a merchant, and of a mother, who was admired for painting flowers in small, and for her needleworks in filk. Vandyck was first placed with Van Balen, who had studied at Rome, and painted figures both in large and small; but the fame of Rubens drew away to a nobler school the young congenial artist. The progress of the disciple fpeedily raised him to the glory of affisting in the works from which he learned. Fame that always supposes jealousy is felt where there are grounds for it, attributes to Rubens an envy of which his liberal nature I believe was incapable, and makes him advife Vandyck to apply himself chiefly to portraits. I shall show that jealousy, at least emulation, is rather to be ascribed to the scholar than to the master. If Rubens gave the advice in question, he gave it with reason; not maliciously. Vandyck had a peculiar genius for portraits; his draperies

popies are finished with a minuteness of emeth not demanded in historic composisions; besides his invention was cold and tame, nor does he any where feem to have had much idea of the passions, and their expression: Portraits require none. If Rubens had been jealous of Vandyck, would he, as all their biographers agree he did, perfuade him to visit Italy, whence himself had drawn his greatest lights? Addison did not advise Pope to translate Homer, but affisted Tickell in a rival translation. Vandyck after making presents to Rubens of two or three histories, and the famous portrait of the latter's wife, fet out for Italy, and made his first residence at Genoa. From thence he went to Venice, which one may call the metropolis of the Flemish painters, who feem so naturally addicted to colouring, that even in Italy they see only with Flemish eyes. Vandyck imbibed to deeply the tints of Titian, that he is allowed to approach nearer to the carnations of that mafter even than Rubens; Sir Antony had more deli-

^{*} His fattins of which he was fond, particularly white and blue, are remarkably finished; his back-grounds heavy, and have great sameness.

cacy than the latter, but like him never reached the grace and dignity of the antique. He feldom even arrived at beauty. His Madonnas are homely; his ladies for little flattered, that one is furprized he had so much custom. He has left us to wonder that the famous Countess of Carlisle could be thought so charming; and had not Waller been a better painter, Sacharissa would make little impression now. One excellence he had, which no portrait-painter ever attained except Sir Godfrey Kneller; the hands are often the finest part of his pictures.

He went to Rome and lived spendidly, avoiding the low conversation of his countrymen, and distinguished by the appellation of the *Pittore Cavalieresco*. It was at Rome he drew that capital portrait of Cardinal Bentivoglio, who having been Nuncio in Flanders, had a partiality for their artists, and as he celebrated their history with his pen, was in return almost immortalized by one of their best pencils.

Vandyck, while at Rome, received an invitation to Palermo, and went thither. There he painted Prince Philibert of Savoy, the Vice-

Vice-Roy, and a paintress of some name, Sophonisha Anguisciola, then at the age of ninety-one. But the plague soon drove him from Sicily; he returned to Genoa, where he had gained the highest reputation, and where he has left many considerable works.

He went back to Antwerp, and practiced both history and portrait. Of the former kind were many applauded Altar-pieces; in the latter, were particularly the heads of his cotemporary artists. He drew them in Chiaro scuro on small pannels, thirty-five of which are in the collection of the Countess of Cardigan at Whitehall. Admirable is the variety of attitudes and airs of heads; but in those pieces he meaned to furpass as well as The whole collection has been thrice published; the first edition by Vanden Enden contains fourscore plates; the second by Giles Hendrix, one hundred; the last by Verdussen, who esfaced the names and letters of the original engravers. . Some of the plates were etched by Vandyck himself. I

At the Lord Spenfer's at Wimbledon is a good portrait of Sophonisha Anguisciola playing on a harpsichord, painted by herself, and an old woman attending her; on the picture is written, Jussu Patris. Lord Ashburnham has a small head of her in a round.

fay nothing of the numbers of prints from his other works.

Hearing of the favour King Charles showed to the arts, Vandyck came to England, and lodged with his friend Geldorp. a painter, hoping to be introduced to the King: it is extraordinary he was not. He went away chagrined; but his majesty soon learning what a treasure had been within his reach, ordered Sir Kenelm Digby, who had fat to Vandyck, to invite him over. He came, and was lodged among the King's artists at Black-fryars, which Felibien, according to the dignity of ignorance which the French affect, calls L'Hotel de Blaifore. * Thirther the King went often by water, and viewed his performances with fingular delight, frequently fitting to him himself, and befpeaking pictures of the Queen, his children and his courtiers, and conferring the honour of knighthood † on him at St. James's July 5, 1632. This was foon attended by the grant of an annuity of 2001. a year for

• Vol. iii. page 445.

life.

[†] The French author of the lives of the painters says he was created Knight of the Bath; a mistake. Abregè vol. ii. p. 170. Another mistake is his supposing that Vandyck was only to give designs for tapestries in the Banquetting-house, p. 171.

life. The patent is preserved in the rolls, and dated 1633, in which he is styled painter to his majesty. I have already mentioned the jealousy of Mytens on this occasion.

Of the various portraits by Vandyck of King Charles, the principal are, a whole length in the coronation robes at Hampton-court; * the head has been engraved by Vertue among the Kings of England, and the whole figure by Strange. Another in armour on a dun horse at Blenheim. † A whole length in armour at Houghton. Another, a large piece at the Duke of Graston's, in which the King (a most gracefull figure) in white sattin, with his hat on, is just descended from his horse; at a distance, a view of the Isle of Wight. The ‡ King in armour on a white

In the same palace are whole lengths of James I. his Queen, the Queen of Bohemia, and Prince Henry, copied by Vandyck from painters of the preceding reign. Prince Henry's is in armour, in which Vandyck excelled, has an amiable countenance, and is a fine picture.

[†] This was in the royal collection, was fold in the civil war, and was bought by the Duke of Marlborough from Munich.

¹ This is the picture that was recovered from Remèe.

horse, Mons. de St. Antoine, * his equerry, holding his helmet. The head of the latter is fine; the King's is probably not an original. This and the following are at each end of the gallery at Kensington. The King and Queen fitting, Prince Charles, very young standing at his knee; the Duke of York, an infant, on hers. † At Turin is another whole length of the King, in a large piece of archi-At Somerfet-house, the King and Queen, half lengths, holding a crown of laurel between them. At Windsor is a beautifull half length of the Queen in white. Many portraits of her pretend to be by Vandyck, but none are so lovely as this. He two or three times drew prince Charles in armour standing. At Kensington in one piece are Prince Charles, Prince James, and the Princess Mary; lately engraved by Strange. In the fame palace is one of his finest works; George Villiers, the fecond Duke of Buckingham, and Lord Francis his brother, when children. Nothing can exceed the nature, lustre, and delicacy of this sweet picture.

Houghton

^{*} He had been a chief equerry to Prince Henry, and sed a mourning horse at his suneral. See Birch's life of that Prince, append. 527.

[†] This picture has been heightened to make it match it's opposite.

Houghton are two young daughters of the Lord Wharton, admirable too, but rather inferior to the foregoing. In Lord Orford's collection are feveral principal works * of this master. The holy family with a dance of Angels; it belonged to King Charles, is a capital picture, but has it's faults. laigo Jones, a head; Rubens's wife in black fattin; Henry Danvers Earl of Danby whole length, in the robes of the garter; and a half length of Sir Thomas Chaloner, governor of Prince Henry. Besides these my father bought of the last Duke the whole collection of the Wharton family: There were twelve whole lengths, the two girls, fix half lengths, and two more by Sir Peter Lely; he paid an hundred pounds each for the whole lengths and the double picture, and fifty pounds each for the half lengths. Most of them were carried to Houghton, but some not fuiting the places, were brought back, and fold for a trifle after the death of my father. Those that remain, are, King Charles, the Queen, very indifferent, Sir Thomas Wharton: Of the half lengths, Laud, a celebrated but not very fine picture; Sir Chrif-

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^{*} See a particular description of these pictures in the Aedes Walpolianae.

sopher Wandesford, Lady Wharton, Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Wenman and the Lely's.

At Combury, the feat of the Earls of Clarendon in Oxfordshire, was a noble collection of portraits of the principal persons in the reign of King Charles, many of which were drawn by Vandyck. The collection has since been divided between the Duchess of Queensberry, Lady Hyde and Lady Mary Forbes, the heiresses of the family. Several others of his works are at the Earl of Denbigh's and at Lord Spenser's at Althrop. Among the latter, a celebrated double whole length of the first Duke of Bedford and the famous Lord Digby, afterwards Earl of Bristol. The whole figure of the

The rest were, Lady Wharton in white, Lady Chestersield, ditto; Countess of Worcester in blue; Lady Rich in black, very handsome, on whose death Walter wrote a poem; and Lord Wharton, both bought by Lord Hardwicke; Mrs. Smith in blue, a homely woman, but a fine picture, new mine; Lady Carlisse, bought by Mr. West +; Arthur Goodwin, father of Lady Wharton one of the best, given by my father to the late Duke of Devonshire; and two portraits of Brince Rupert, whole and half lengths; both very poor personnances. Some of the whole lengths were engraved by Van Gunst.

[†] And at his death by Mr. Barret of Lie.

latter is good, and both the heads fine: the body of Bedford is flat, nor is this one of his capital works. Here too is a good picture of Daedalus and Icarus; half lengths; a fine furly impatience in the young man, and his body well coloured. The Duke of Devonshire has fome good pictures by him; at Chifwick is the well known * Belifarius. though very doubtfull if by the hand of Vandyck. The expressive figure of the young foldier redeems this picture from the condemnation it would deserve by the principal figure being to mean and inconfiderable. The Duke has Vandyck's travelling pocket-book in which are feveral sketches, particularly from Titian, and of Sophonifba Anguisciola mentioned above.

At Holkham is a large equestrian picture of a Count D'Aremberg; both the rider and horse are in his best manner; and at Earl Cowper's a large piece of John Count of Nassau and his family, lately engraved by Baron.

Mr. Skinner, with the collection of the late Mr. Thomas Walker, has a fine little

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^{*} Lord Burlington gave 1000 l. for this picture at Paris, and had another of Luca Jordano into the bargain.

picture of the Lady Venetia Digby, wife of Sir Kenelm; though only a model for the large one at Windsor; it is exquisitely sinished. She is represented as treading on Envy and Malice, and is unhurt by a serpent that twines round her arm. This galant compliment is a little explained in the new life of Lord Clarendon, who mentions Sir Kenelm's marriage with a Lady, "though of an extraordinary beauty, of as extraordinary fame." Mr. Walker's collection was chiefly chosen for him by a set of virtuosi called Vandyck's or the club of St. Luke, and it is plain from the pictures they re-

There is an elegy and epitaph on this Lady in Randolph's poems, page 28, in which her beauty is exceedingly commended. She was daughter and coheiress of Sir Edward Stanley, grandson of Edward Earl of Derby, by the Lady Lucy Percy, daughter of Thomas Earl of Northumberland. Lady Venetia was found dead in her bed. Sir Kenelm erected for her a monument of black marble with her bust in copper gilt, and a lofty epitaph, in Christ-church without Newgate; but it was destroyed in the fire of London. Lodge's peerage of Ireland, vol. iv. p. 89. There are two copper busts of the Lady Venetia extant at Mr. Wright's at Gothurst in Buckinghamshire, with several portraits of the family of Digby. The house belonged to Sir Kenelm, and was purchased by Sir Nathan Wright.

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commended, that they understood what they professed. There was another large piece of Sir Kenelm, his lady and two children, in the collection of the Earl of Oxford; and a fine half length of Sir Kenelm alone is at Kenfington. Vandyck painted too for the King a twelfth Roman Emperor, to compleat the set of Titian, in the room of one which was spoiled and left at Mantua. They cost the King 100 l. a piece, and after his death were bought by the Spanish Embassador, the first purchaser of those effects. the King's collection was embezzled or taken by his fervants for their arrears, that minister laid out 500 l. in those purchases with Harrison the King's embroiderer by Somersethouse, and of Murray his taylor he bought a half figure of a Venus. * The Flemings gave any

* These and many other notices are taken from the Pocket-books of Richard Symonds of Black-Notley in Essex, gent. who was born at Okehampton, and was in the army of King Charles during the civil war, writing memoires of battles, actions, motions, and promotions of officers from time to time in small pocket-books; and through the several counties he passed, memorandums of churches, monuments, painted windows, arms, inscriptions, &c. 'till January 1, 1648, when he left London, and travelled, first to Paris, and Vol. II.

any price for the works of Vandyck from that collection. Sir Peter Lely, as may be feen in his catalogue, had feveral capital ones.

But it is at the Earl of Pembroke's at Wilton that Vandyck is on his throne. The great falon is entirely furnished by his hand. There is that principal picture of Earl Philip and his family, which though damaged, would ferve alone as a fchool of this master. Yet with great admiration of him I cannot but observe how short he falls of his model Titian. What heads both of age and youth are in the family of Cornaro at Northumberland-house! How happily is the disposition of a religious act chosen to throw expression into a groupe of portraits! It is faid that the Earl of Pembroke had obtained leave to have a piece of the whole royal family by the same hand, as a companion to his own.

At Leicester-house is a double portrait,

then to Rome and Venice (always continuing his memoires) where he stayed 'till his return to England in 1652. Eight or ten of these books were in the Harleian library, two in that of Dr. Meade, and two or three in the herald's office, where is the pedigree of his family with his picture (probably) in red wax from a seal, engraved by T. Simon, his namesake, but no relation.

bought by the late Prince of Wales of Mr. Bagnols. It represents two of the wits of that time, T. Carew, of the privy-chamber to Charles I. and a poet, and Henry Killigrew. They had a remarkable dispute before Mrs. Cecilia Crofts, fifter of the Lord Crofts, to which Vertue supposed this picture alluded, as in a play called the Wanderer, was a fong against jealousy, written on the same occasion. I have another very fine double portrait by him of the celebrated Countefs of Carlifle and her fifter the Countess of Leicester, which came from Penshurst; and I bought too after the death of Richardson the painter the picture of the Countess of Exeter, which he has described so largely in one of his treatises.

I have reserved to the last * the mention of the finest picture in my opinion of this master. It is of the Earl of Strafford and his secretary, at the Marquis of Rockingham's at Wentworth-house in Yorkshire. I can forgive him any insipid portraits of perhaps insipid people, when he showed him-

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^{*} I have here, as in the case of Holbein, mentioned only the capital pieces, or those, which being in great collections are most easy of access. I do not pretend to enumerate all that are or are called of this master.

felf capable of conceiving and transmitting the idea of the greatest man of the age. There is another of these pictures at Blenheim, but infinitely inferior.

In the cathedral of Glocester are two cumbent figures of an alderman and his wife, evidently wrought from a design of Vandyck. It is great pity the sculptor is not known, so successfully has he executed the manner of the painter. The figures, even in that tasteless attitude, are easy and gracefull, and the draperies have a peculiar freedom.

Vandyck had 40 l. for a half, and 60 l. for a whole length; a more rational proportion than that of our present painters, who receive an equal price for the most infignificant part of the picture.

Since the former edition of this work I have been favoured by Edm. Malone, Esq, with the following notes of some of Vandyck's prices from an office-book that belonged to the Lord Chamberlain Philip Earl of Pembroke;

^{*} Sanderson, a quaint writer, uses a phrase, which, though affected, is expressive; He says "Vandyck was the first painter, who e're put ladies dress into a careless romance." Graphice, p. 39.

" July 15, 1632. A warrant for a privy feale of 280 l. to be payed unto Sir Antony Vandyke, for diverse pictures by him made for his Majestye, viz. for the picture of his Majestie, another of Monsieur the French King's brother, and another of the Ambaffadress, at length, at 25 l. a piece—one of the Queene's Majestie, another of the Prince of Orange, another of the Princess of Orange, and another of their fon, at half length, twenty pounds a piece. For one great piece of his Majestie, the Queene and their children, one hundred pounds. One of the Emperor Vitellius, twenty pounds. And for mending the picture of the Emperor Galba, five pounds; amounting in all to 280 1."

From the same book, "forty pounds paid to Sir Antony Vandyke for the picture of the Queene presented to Lord Strafford Oct. 12, 1633."

He was indefatigable, * and keeping a great table, often detained the persons who sat to him, to dinner, for an opportunity of studying their countenances, and of retouching their pictures again in the after-

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This is evident by the number of his works, for though he was not above forty-two when he died, they are not exceeded by those of Rubens,

noon. Sir Peter Lely told Mrs. Beale, that Laniere affured him he had fat seven entire days to him morning and evening, and that, notwithstanding, Vandyck would not once let him look at the picture 'till he was content with it himself. This was the portrait that determined the King to invite him to England a second time. *

In the fummer he lived at Eltham in Kent; in an old house there, said to have been his, Vertue saw several sketches of stories from Ovid in two colours, ascribed to him.

At the Duke of Grafton's is a fine half length of † Vandyck by himself, when young, holding up his arm, the hand declined. There is a print of it, and of two others of him, older; one looking over his shoulder, the other with a sun-flower. At Hampton-court in the apartment below is his ‡ mistress Mrs. Lemon highly sinished.

[•] It is at the feat of the Lord Chancellor Henley at the Grange in Hampshire.

[†] I have a fine sketch of the face only, by himself.

[‡] I have another head of her freely painted, which was in the collection of Shesheld Duke of Buckingham. From the minutes of the Antiquarian Society I find that in 1723 they were informed that at Mr. Isaac Ewer's

ed. There is a print of the same person by Hollar, but not from this picture. In the pocket-book of R. Symonds that I have mentioned, he says, "It was much wondered at, that he, (Vandyck) should openly keep a mistress of his (Mrs. Lemon) in the house and yet suffer Porter to keep her company." This was Endymion Porter, of the bedchamber to King Charles, of whom and his samily there was a large piece by Vandyck at Buckingham-house.*

He was much addicted to his pleasures and expence; I have mentioned how well he lived. He was fond of musick and generous to musicians. His luxurious and sedentary life brought on the gout, and hurt his fortune. He sought to repair it, not like his master by the laboratory of his painting room, but by that real folly, the pursuit of the Philosopher's stone, in which perhaps he was encouraged by the example

Ewer's in Lincoln's-inn-fields was a copy by Vander-bank of Thurloe's portrait, painted by Mr. Churchill's pupil, mistress to Vandyck. This person, I suppose, was Mrs. Carlisse, mentioned hereaster; but of Churchill, I have seen no other account.

^{*} See a list of Vandyck's works in Le Comte's cabinet des singularitez d'architecture, peinture, &c. vol. i. p. 282. Many are in the gallery at Dusseldorp.

or advice of his friend Sir Kenelm Digby. Towards the end of his life the King bestowed on him for a wife, Mary the daughter of the unfortunate Lord Gowry, which if meaned as a fignal honour, might be calculated too to depress the disgraced family by connecting them with the blood of a painter. It is certain that the alliance does not feem to have attached Vandyck more strongly to the King; whether he had any disgusts insused into him by his new wife, or whether ambitious, as I have hinted, of vying with the glory of his mafter in the Luxemburg, Sir Antony foon after his marriage set out for Paris, in hopes of being employed there in some public work. He was disappointed * —their own Poussin was then deservedly the favorite at that court. Vandyck returned to England, and in the fame humour of executing some public work, and that in competition with his master. He proposed to the King by Sir Kenelm Digby to paint the walls of the banquetting-house, of which the ceiling was

[•] He was not totally unemployed there. Sir Richard Lyttelton has two small pictures in chiaro scuro, evidently designed for altar-pieces, and representing Anne of Austria and some monkish saint.

already adorned by Rubens, with the hiftory and procession of the order of the garter. The proposal struck the king's taste, and by a fmall sketch * in chiaro scuro for the procession, in which, though very faint, some portraits are distinguishable, it looks as if it had been accepted, though some say it was rejected, on the extravagant price demanded by Vandyck: I would not specify the fum, it is so improbable, if I did not find it repeated in Fenton's notes on Waller. It was fourfcore thousand pounds! The civil war prevented farther thoughts of it, as the death of Vandyck would have interrupted the execution, at least the completion of it. He died in Black-fryars December 9, 1641, and was buried on the 11th in St. Paul's near the tomb of John of Gaunt.

By Maria Ruthven his wife, he left one daughter married to Mr. Stepney, a gentleman who rode in the horse-guards on their first establishment by Charles II. Their grandson Mr. Stepney was Envoy to several courts, and is known by his poems published in the collection of the works of our minor poets. Sir John Stepney, another

[•] Now at the Lord Chancellor Henley's at the Grange in Hampshire.

descendent.

descendent, died on the road from Bath to Wales in 1748. Lady Vandyck the widow was married again to Richard Pryse son of Sir John Pryse of Newton-Aberbecham in Montgomeryshire Knight. Richard, who was created a Baronet August 9, 1641, was first married to Hester, daughter of Sir Hugh Middleton; by Vandyck's widow he had no issue.

Besides his legitimate children Vandyck had a natural daughter called Maria Terefa, to whom, as appears by his will in Doctor's Commons, he left four thousand pounds, then in the hands of his fifter Susannah Vandyck in a convent at. Antwerp, whom he appoints trustee for that daughter. To his fifter Isabella he bequeaths 250 guilders yearly; and in case his daughter Maria Terefa die unmarried, he entails 4000 l. on another fifter, married to Mr. Derick, and her children. To his wife Mary and his newborn daughter Justiniana Anna he gives all his goods, effects and monies, due to him in England from King Charles, the Nobility, and all other persons whatever, to be equally divided between them. His exe-

^{*} Vertue afcertained these matches by books in the college of arms.

cutors are his wife, Mr. Aurelius de Meghan, and Katherine Cowley, to which Katherine he leaves the care of his daughter to be brought up, allowing ten pounds per ann. 'till she is eighteen years of age. Other legacies he gives to his executors and trustees for their trouble, and three pounds each to the poor of St. Paul's and St. Anne's Blackfriar's, and to each of his servants male and semale.

The war prevented the punctual execution of his will, the probate of which was not made 'till 1663, when the heirs and executors from abroad and at home affembled to fettle the accounts and recover what debts they could—but with little effect. In 1668, and in 1703, the heirs, with Mr. Carbonnel who had married the daughter of Vandyck's daughter, made farther inspections into his affairs and demands on his creditors, but what was the issue does not appear.

Lady Lempster, mother of the last Earl of Pomfret, who was at Rome with her Lord, wrote a life of Vandyck, with some description of his works.

Sir Kenelm Digby in his discourses compares Vandyck and Hoskins, and says the latter pleased the most, by painting in little.

Waller

Waller has addressed a poem to Vandyck, beginning, Rare artisan; Lord Halisax another on his portrait of Lady Sunderland, printed in the third volume of State Poems, and Cowley wrote an elegy on his death.

Among the scholars * of Vandyck was †

DAVID BECK,

born at Arnheim in 1621; he was in favour with Charles I. and taught the Prince and the Dukes of York and Glocester to draw. Descamps says that Beck's facility in composition was so great, that Charles I. said to him, "faith! Beck, I believe you cou'd paint riding post. ‡" He afterwards

- John de Reyn, a scholar of Vandyck, is said by Descamps, to have lived with his master in England till the death of the latter, after which he was in France and settled at Dunkirk. If De Reyn's works are little known, adds his Biographer, it is owing to their approaching so nearly to his master's as to be consounded with them. Vol. ii. p. 189.
- † The French author of the Abrege fays that Gerard Seghers came hither after the deaths of Rubens and Vandyck, and foftened his manner here. This is all the trace I find of his being in England. Vol. ii. p. 162. At Kenfington is an indifferent piece of flowers by him, but I do not know that it was painted here.

1 Vol. ii. p. 315.

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GEORGE GELDORP.

of Antwerp, a countryman and friend of Vandyck, in whose house that painter lodged at his first arrival, had been settled here fome time before. He could not draw himfelf, but painted on sketches made by others, and was in repute even by this artificial practice; * though Vertue was told by Mr. Rose that it was not his most lucrative employment, his house being reckoned convenient for the intrigues of people of fashion. He first lived in Drury-lane in a large house and garden rented from the crown at 30%. per ann. and afterwards in 1653 in Archerftreet. He had been concerned in keeping the King's pictures, and when Sir Peter Lely first came over, he worked for Geldorp, who lived 'till after the restoration, and was buried

This must not be supposed to include his portraits, for which he certainly would have had no custom, if the persons had been obliged to sit to two different men. A painter may execute a head, though he cannot compass a whole figure. A print by Voerst of James Stewart Duke of Lenox, with Geo. Geldorp pinx. is indubitable proof that the latter painted portraits.

at Westminster. One of the apprentices of Geldorp was

ISAAC SAILMAKER

who was employed by Cromwell to take a view of the fleet before Mardyke. A print of the confederate fleet under Sir George Rooke engaging the French commanded by the Count de Toulouse, was engraved in 1714 from a design of Sailmaker, who lived to the age of eighty-eight, and died June 28, 1721.

BRADSHAW

was another painter in the reign of Charles I. whom I only mention with other obsolete names to lead inquirers to farther discoveries. All I find of him is a note from one of the pocket-books of R. Symonds above-mentioned, who says, "Pierce in Bishopgate-street told me that Bradshaw is the only man that doth understand perspective of all the painters in London."

B. VAN BASSEN

of Antwerp, was a very neat painter of architecture. In the private apartment below stairs at Kensington are two pictures by him;

in one are represented Charles I. and his Queen at dinner; in the other the King and Queen of Bohemia, distinguished by their initial letters F. and E. The Duchess of Portland has a magnificent * cabinet of ebony, bought by her father the Earl of Oxford from the Arundelian collection at Tart-hall. On each of the drawers is a small history by Polenburg, and pieces of architecture in the manner of Steenwyck by this Van Bassen, who must not be confounded with the Italian Baffans, nor with the Baffanos, who were musicians to Charles, and of which name there was also a herald-painter. The first Bassano, who came hither in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and was related to the Italian painters of that name, settled in Essex and purchased an estate, which was fold in 1714 by the male descendent. In the mansion was a portrait of the musician, holding a bass-viol. It is now at Narford in Norfolk, the feat of the late Sir Andrew Fountain.

Lord Oxford paid three hundred and ten pounds for it.

CORNELIUS POLENBURG

the fweet painter of little landscapes and figures, was born at Utrecht in 1586, and educated under Bloemart, whom he foon quited to travel to Italy, as he abandoned, fay our books, the manner of Elsheimer to study Raphael-but it is impossible to say where they find Raphael in Polenburg. The latter formed a style entirely new, and though preferable to the Flemish, unlike any Italian, except in having adorned his land-There is a varnished scapes with ruins. fmoothness and finishing in his pictures that makes them always pleasing, though simple and too nearly resembling one another. The Roman Cardinals were charmed with the neatness of his works; so was the great Duke, but could not retain him. He returned to Utrecht and pleased Rubens who had feveral of his performances. King Charles invited him to London, where he lived in Archer-street next door to Geldorp, and generally painted the figures in Steenwyck's perspectives. There is a very curious picture at Earl Poulet's at Hinton St. George, representing an inside view of Theobald's, with

with figures of the King, Queen, and the two Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery, William and Philip. This piece is probably of Steenwyck, and the figures, * which are copied from Vandyck, either of Polenburg or Van Baffen.

The works of Polenburg are very scarce; † his scholar, John de Lis of Breda, imitated his manner so exactly, that his pieces are often taken for the hand of his master. The best picture in England of the latter is at the Viscount Midleton's. I have his own and his wife's portrait by him in small ovals on copper; they were my father's. The wife is stiff and Dutch; his own is inimitable: Though worked up to the tender smoothness of enamel, it has the greatest freedom of pencil, the happiest delivery of nature.

Charles could not prevail on Polenburg to fix here: He returned to Utrecht and died there in 1660, at the age of seventyfour.

† There are fixteen mentioned in the catalogue of lames II.

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^{*} In King Charles's catalogue are mentioned the portraits of his majesty, and of the children of the King of Bohemia, by Polenburg: and in King James's are eight pieces by him.

HENRY STEENWYCK

was fon of the famous painter of architecture, and learned that manner of his father. I find no particulars of the time of his arrival here, or when he died. It is certain he worked for King Charles. † The ground to the portrait of that Prince, in the royal palace at Turin, I believe, was painted by him. ‡ In a MS. catalogue of King Charles's collection is mentioned a perspective by Steenwyck, with the King and Queen, in little, by Belcamp: In the same catalogue is recorded a little book of perspectives by

* Descamps has proved that it is a mistake to call the son Nicholas, as Sandrart and others have done. See p. 384.

† In King James's catalogue are recorded ten of his

works.

this picture is more carefully laboured than any work of Vandyck, and equal to the most valuable of Mieris. p. 385. I believe the fine piece of architecture at Houghton is by the hand of Steenwyck, the father. By the son was a capital picture of St. Peter in prison, which at Streater's sale in 1711 sold for 25 l. It was afterwards in Dr. Meade's collection, who sold it to the late Prince of Wales.

Steenwyck,

Steenwyck, which on the fale of the King's goods fold for no more than two pounds ten shillings. Steenwyck's name and the date 1629 are on the picture of Frobenius at Kensington, which he altered for King Charles. It is the portrait of the son, that is among the heads of painters by Vandycka His son Nicholas was in England also painted for King Charles, and probably died here.

JOHN TORRENTIUS

of Amsterdam, is known to have been here, not by his works, but on the authority of Schrevelius, in his history of Arlem, from whom Descamps took his account. Torrentius, says the latter, painted admirably in small, but his subjects were not calculated to procure him many avowed admirers. He painted from the lectures of Petronius and Aretine, had the confidence to dogmatize on the fame subjects, and practiced at least what he preached. To profligacy he added impiety, 'till the magiftrates thought proper to put a stop to his boldness. He underwent the question, and was condemned to an imprisonment of M 2 twenty

twenty years; but obtained his liberty by the intercession of some men of quality, and particularly of the English Embassador — what the name of the latter was we are not told. Torrentius came over to England, but giving more scandal than satisfaction, he returned to Amsterdam, and remained there concealed 'till his death in 1640, aged siftyone. King Charles had two pieces of his hand; one representing two glasses of Rhenish; the other, a naked man.*

KEIRINCX,

called here Carings, was employed by King Charles to draw views; his works are mentioned in the royal catalogue, particularly prospects of his majesty's houses in Scotland. In a sale of pictures in March 1745 was a landscape by him freely and brightly touched, with his name written on it as above, † and a few small figures added by

^{*} V. Catalogue Pp. 158, 162.

[†] The French author of the Abregè calls him Alexander, which must be a missake. He says he acquired his reputation by what should have destroyed it; as he could not paint sigures, Polenburg generally added them for him. I have the view of a seat in a park by him, freely painted, not to say, very carelessly. It has King Charles's mark behind it.

Polenburg. In Dagar's fale were three drawings with a pen and washed, by Keirinex; one of them had a view of the parliament-house and Westminster-stairs to the water, dated 1625.

JOHN PRIWITZER

was too good a painter to remain fo long unknown. At Woburn, besides some young heads of the samily, is a whole length of Sir William Russel, a youth, and Knight of the Bath in the robes of the order, with a dwarf aged thirty-two. It is painted with great brightness and neatness, and does not want freedom. Upon it is written Johannes Priwitzerus de Hungariâ faciebat 1627. I have never met with any other mention of this name,

GEORGE JAMESONE*

was the Vandyck of Scotland, to which title he had a double pretention, not only having furpaffed his countrymen as a portrait-pain-

* The materials of this article were communicated by Mr. John Jamisone, wine-merchant in Leith, who has another portrait of this painter by himself, 12 inches by 10.

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ter, but from his works being sometimes attributed to Sir Antony, who was his fellowscholar; both having studied under Rubens et Antwerp.

Jamesone was son of Andrew Jamesone, an architect, and was born at Aberdeen in 1586. At what age he went abroad, or how long he continued there, is not known. After his return, he applied with indefatigable industry to portrait in oil, tho' he sometimes practiced in miniature, and in history and landscape too. His largest portraits * were generally fomewhat less than life. His excellence is faid to confift in delicacy and foftness, with a clear and beautifull colouring, his shades not charged, but helped by varnish, with little appearance of the pencil. There is a print of him, his wife Isabella Tosh and a young son, painted by himfelf in 1623, engraved by Alexander Jamefone, his descendent, in 1728, and now in the possession of Mr. John Alexander, limner at Edinburgh his great grandson, with several other portraits of the family, painted by

[•] His earliest works are chiefly on board, afterwards on a fine linen cloth, smoothly primed with a proper tone to help the harmony of his shadows. His best works were from 1630 to his death.

George; particularly another of himself in his school, with sketches both of history and landscape, and with portraits of Charles I. his Queen, Jamesone's wife, and sour others of his works from the life.

When King Charles visited Scotland in 1633, the magistrates of Edinburgh, knowing his majesty's taste, employed Jamesone to make drawings of the Scottish monarchs, with which the King was so much pleased, that inquiring for the painter, he sat to him and rewarded him with a diamond ring from his own finger.

It is observable that Jamesone always drew himself with his hat on, either in imitation of his master Rubens, or on having been indulged in that liberty by the King when he sat to him.

Though most of the considerable families in Scotland are possessed of works by this master, the greatest collection of them is at Taymouth, the seat of the Earl of Breadalbane; Sir Colin Campbell of Glenorchy, his Lordship's ancestor, having been the chief and earliest patron of Jamesone, who had attended that gentleman on his travels. From a MS. on vellom, containing the genealogy of the house of Glemorchy,

norchy, begun in 1598, are taken the following extracts, written in 1635, page 52;

" Item, The faid Sir Coline Campbell (8th. Laird of Glenorchy) gave unto George Jamesone, painter in Edinburgh, for King Robert and King David Bruysses, Kings of Scotland, and Charles the 1st King of Great Brittane France and Ireland, and his Majesties Quein, and for nine more of the Queins of Scotland their portraits, quhilks are fet up in the hall of Ballock [now Taymouth] the fum of tua hundreth thrie scor. punds."

"Mair the faid Sir Coline gave to the faid George Jamesone for the Knight of Lockow's Lady, and the first Countess of Argylle, and fix of the Ladys of Glenurquhay their portraits, and the faid Sir Coline his own portrait, quhilks are fet up in the chalmer of Deafs of Ballock, ane hundreth four scoire punds."

Memorandum. In the same year 1635 the faid George Jamesone painted a large genealogical tree of the family of Glenorchy, 8 feet long and 5 broad, containing in miniature the portraits of Sir Duncan Campbell of Lockow, of Archibald Campbell his eldest son, first Earl of Argylle, and of Sir

Coline

Coline Campbell his second son, first Laird of Glenorchy, together with the portraits of eight successive Knights, Lairds of Glenorchy, with the branches of their intermarriages, and of those of their sons and daughters, beautifully illuminated. At the bottom of which tree the following words are painted on a scroll; "The genealogie of the Hous of Glenurquhie, whereof is descendit sundrie nobill and worthie houses, 1635, amesone saciebat."

Besides the foregoing, Lord Breadalbane has at Taymouth, by the same hand, eleven portraits of Lords and Ladies of the first samilies in Scotland, painted in 1636 and 1637.

From the extract above, it appears that Jamesone received no more for each of those heads than twenty pounds Scots, or one pound thirteen shillings and sour-pence English: Yet it is proved by their public records that he died possessed of an easy fortune, which he left to his three daughters, two of whom were honourably married. One of them, named Mary, distinguished herself by-admirable needlework, a piece of which used to be exhibited on sestions in the Church of St. Nicholas at Aberdeen. Her descendent

descendent Mr. Thomson of Portlethem has an original picture of her father by himself. Three small portraits of the house of Haddington are in the possession of Thomas Hamilton, Esq. of Fala.

Many of Jamesone's works are in both colleges of Aberdeen. The Sybils there, it is faid, he drew from living beauties of that city. Mr. Baird of Auchmedden in Aberdeenshire has in one piece three young Ladies, cousins, of the houses of Argyle, Errol and Kinnoul, their ages, fix, feven and eight, as marked on the fide of the picture. The same gentleman has a small whole length of William Earl of Pembroke, by some ascribed to Vandyck. At Mr. Lindsay's of Wormeston in Fife is a double half length of two boys, of that family, playing with a dog, their ages five and three, 1636.

There is a perspective view of Edinburgh by Jamesone, with a Neptune on the fore ground.

Having finished a fine whole length of Charles I. he expected the magistrates of Aberdeen would purchase it for their hall, but they offering him too inconsiderable a price,

price, he fold it to a gentleman in the north of England. *

Jamesone had many scholars, particularly Michael Wright, mentioned in the third Volume of these Anecdotes. His own portrait is in the Florentine chamber of Painters.

Though Jamesone is little known England, his character as well as his works were greatly effeemed in his own country. Arthur Johnston, the Poet, addressed to him an elegant Epigram on the picture of the Marchioness of Huntley, which may be seen in the works of that author printed at Middieburgh in 1642. The portrait itself is extant in the collection of the Duke of Gordon; and in the Newton-college of Aberdeen is the picture of Doctor Johnston himfelf by the same hand. A Latin Elegy composed by David Wedderburn was printed on his death, which happened in 1644. at Edinburgh, where he was interred in the church yard by the Gray-friars, but without any monument.

By his will, written with his own hand in

[•] See an account of his other works in Pennant's Tour in Scotland, 8vo. 1772.

July 1641, and breathing a spirit of much piety and benevolence, he provides kindly for his wife and children, and leaves many legacies to his relations and friends, particularly to Lord Rothes the King's picture from head to foot, and Mary with Martha in one piece: to William Murray he gives the medals in his coffer, makes a handsome provision for his natural daughter, and bestows liberally on the poor. That he should be in a condition to do all this, seems extraordinary, his prices having been fo moderate; for enumerating the debts due to him, he charges Lady Haddington for a whole length of her husband and Lady Selon's of the same dimensions, frames and all, but three hundred marks; and Lord Maxwell for his own picture and his Lady's, to their knees, one hundred marks; both fums of Scots money.

Mr. Jamisone * has likewise a memorandum written and signed by this painter, mentioning a MS. in his possession, so containing two hundred leaves of parchment of excellent write adorned with diverse historys of our Saviour curiously limned,

^{*} So the name is now written, not Jamesone.

Painters in the Reign of Charles I. 189 which he values at two hundred pounds sterling, a very large sum at that time! What is become of that curious book is not known.

WILLIAM DOBSON,

whom King Charles called the English Tintoret, was born in 1610, in St. Andrew's parish in Holbourn; his family had been gentlemen of good rank at St. Alban's, but having fallen into decay, he was put apprentice * to Sir Robert Peake, whom I have mentioned, a painter and dealer in pictures. Under him, though no excellent performer, but by the advantage of copying some pictures of Titian and Vandyck, Dobson profited so much, that a picture he had drawn being exposed in the window of a shop on Snow-hill, Vandyck passing by was struck with it, and inquiring for the author, found him at work in a poor garret, from whence he took him and recommended him to the King. On the death of Vandyck, Dobson was appointed Serjeantpainter, and groom of the privy-chamber, and attended the King to Oxford, and lodg-

[•] R. Symonds fays he learned most of Old Cleyn.

ed in the high-street almost over against St. Mary's church, in a house where some of his works remained 'till of late years. At Oxford his Majesty, Prince Rupert, and feveral of the Nobility * fat to him; but the declention of the King's affairs proved fatal to Dobson; he loved his pleasures, and not having had time to enrich himself, was involved in debts and thrown into prifon, from whence he was delivered by one Mr. Vaughan of the Exchequer, whose picture he drew and thought it the best of his portraits. He enjoyed this release but a short time; dying at the age of thirty-six, he was buried at St. Martin's October 28. 1646. A short life, in which he had promised much excellence. His pictures are thought the best imitations of Vandyck; they are undoubtedly very faithfull transcripts of nature. He painted history as well as portrait; and even the latter generally

The author of the Abrege de la Vie des plus fameux Peintres says, that Dobson being overwhelmed with business thought of a lucky way to check it. It was, obliging persons who sat to him to pay half the price down; and that he was the first who used this practice. By the swarms of portraits that are lest on the hands of his successors, this method is either neglected, or has very little effect!

containing more than a fingle figure, rife almost above that denomination.

Of the first fort, is the Decollation of St. John at Wilton. It is in a good style, but the colouring is raw. The idea of St. John is faid to have been taken from the face of Prince Rupert. At Chatsworth is a very particular picture, faid to be General Monke. his child, and his mistress, whom he took against the consent of her husband. man in armour, undoubtedly refembles Monke, but the whole piece has the air of a holy family; nor is there any other tradition of any mistress of Monke, but the famous * Anne Clarges whom he afterwards married, and who, fome fay, was a milliner. There are many instances of painters who have deified their mistresses, but the character of the Virgin Mary was never more profittuted, than if affumed by Anne Clarges. Mr. Stanley has a picture extremely like this, by ——. At Albury in Surrey, the feat of the Earl of Arundel, was a picture by Dobson of the woman caught in adultery, with feveral figures; the heads

^{*} See an account of her in Lord Clarendon's history of his life, in Ludlow's memoires, and in the collection of state poems, vol. i. p. 38.

taken from persons then living, among whom was the poet Cowley. At Chippen= ham, in Cambridgeshire, formerly the seat of Russel Earl of Orford, in one piece are Prince Rupert, Colonel John Ruffel and Mr. William Murray drinking, and dipping their favour-ribbands in the wine. At Blenheim is a family, by some said to be that of Francis Carter, an architect and scholar of Inigo Jones; by others of Lilly the Aftrologer, whom Vertue thought it refembled. * The man holds a pair of compaffes. I have feen nothing of Dobson preferable to this; there is the utmost truth in it. At Devonshire-house is another family-piece of Sir Thomas Brown, author of Religio Medici, his wife, two fons and as many daughters. Mr. Willett, merchant in Thamesftreet, has a small family-piece of Dr. Hibbard, physician, his wife and five children. The father and mother are particularly well painted. A little boy leans on the father's knee, evidently borrowed from the wellknown attitude by Rubens of Sir B. Gerbier's daughter. Two children on the righthand were certainly added afterwards, and

^{*} But Whitlocke fays that Lilly had no family.

are much inferior to the rest. The dates were probably inferted at the same time. A whole length of Sir William Compton is in the possession of the family. At the Lord Byron's is the portrait of Sir Charles Lucas: and at Drayton in Northamptonshire, Henry Mordaunt Earl of Peterborough in armour with a page holding his horse, and an angel giving him his helmet. * A head of the Marquis of Montrose was taken for the hand of Vandyck: in a corner in stone colour is a statue of peace, on the other side, his helmet. At Mr. Skinner's (Mr. Walker's collection) is a large piece of Prince Charles in armour, drawn about 1638, Mr. Windham, a vouth, holding his helmet; at bottom are arms and trophies. I have mentioned a fine head of Vanderdort at Houghton. Dobson's wife, by him, is on the stairs of the Ashmolean museum at Oxford; and his own head is at Earl Paulett's: the hands were added long fince by Gibson, as he himself told Vertue. Charles Duke of Somerset had a

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^{*} The last circumstance may relate to his preservation in the Civil War, in which he was wounded, and made his escape when taken prisoner with Duke Hamilton and Lord Holland. This picture has great merit.

picture of an old man sitting, and his son behind him; on this picture was written the following epigram, published by John Elsum among his epigrams on painting, a work I have mentioned before, though of no merit but by ascertaining some particular pictures;

* Perceiving somebody behind his chair, He turns about with a becoming air: His head is rais'd, and looking o'er his shoulder So round and strong, you never saw a bolder. Here you see nature th'roughly understood; A portrait not like paint, but slesh and blood; And, not to praise Dobson below his merit, This slesh and blood is quickened by a spirit.

At Northumberland-house as I have said is a triple portrait of Sir Charles Cotterel embraced by Dobson, and Sir Balthazar Gerbier in a white wastecoat. Sir Charles was a great friend and patron of Dobson: At Rousham in Oxfordshire, the seat of the Cotterels are several good portraits by him. Sir Charles Cotterel, when at Oxford with

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^{*} Page 112. It is a thin octavo, printed in 1700, with only his initial letters J. E. Líq; This John Elfum published another piece in 1703 called, The Art of Painting after the Italian manner, with practical obfervations on the principal colours, and directions how to know a good picture; with his name.

the King, was engaged by his majesty to translate Davila's history of the civil wars of France; the frontispiece designed by Sir Charles himself, was drawn by Dobson; it represented Francis II. Charles IX. Henry III. and IV. with two dogs, a popish and protestant cur, fighting before them. This sketch is still preserved in the family, and in 1729 was engraved in London for the history of Thuanus. He etched his own portrait. *

In a collection of poems called Calanthe is an elegy on our painter.

GERARD HONTHORST,

The favorite painter of the Queen of Bohemia, was born in 1592 at Utrecht, and instructed in painting by Bloemart, but he compleated his studies at Rome, where he stayed several years, and painted many things for Prince Justiniani, and other works, excelling particularly in night-pieces and candle-lights. On his return he married well,

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^{*} At Mr. Nicholas's at Horseley is a portrait of Sir Richard Fanshaw, which has been taken for the hand of Dobson; it was painted by one De Meetre; a name unknown to me.

and having a fair character, was remarkable for the number of his disciples of rank. Sandrart who was one, says they were twenty-eight at the same time, who each payed him an hundred storins yearly. But his greatest honour was instructing the Queen of Bohemia and her children * among whom the Princess † Sophia and the Abbess of Maubuisson chiefly distinguished themselves. King Charles invited him to England where he

• At Cashiobury, Lord Essex's, is a large picture of the Queen of Bohemia and her children by Honthorst. The elder sons are killing monsters that represent Envy, &c. The King of Bohemia, like Jupiter, with the Queen again, like Juno, are in the clouds. The head of the Queen (not the latter) is pretty well painted; the rest very stat and poor.

† De Piles. Of the Princess Sophia there is a portrait in a straw hat by Honthorst, at Wilton, natural, but not very good. The other Princess was Loussa Hollandina, who practiced that art with success. Two pictures painted by her were in the collection of her uncle King Charles. See catal. p. 53, No. 70, 71. One of them is at Kensington, Tobit and the Angel in water-colours, but now quite spoiled. There is also an altarpiece painted in oil by her in the church of the Jacobins at Paris, with her name to it. In Lovelace's Lucasta is a poem on Princess Loysa drawing, p. 17. She was bred a protestant, but in 1664, went to Paris, turned catholic and was made Abbess of Maubuiston. She died in 1709 at the age of eighty-fix.

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drew various * pictures, particularly one very large emblematic piece, which now hangs on the Queen's staircase at Hamptoncourt. Charles and his Queen, as Apollo and Diana, are sitting in the clouds; the † Duke of Buckingham under the figure of Mercury introduces to them the arts and sciences, while several genii drive away Envy and Malice. It is not a pleasing picture, but has the merit of refembling the dark and unnatural colouring of Guercino. This and other ‡ things he compleated § in fix months, and was rewarded with three thousand florins, a service of silver plate for twelve persons, and a horse; and though he returned to Utrecht, he continued to paint for the King. It must have been du-

[•] There were seven in King James's collection.

[†] There is another at Kensington of the Duke and Duchess (to the knees) sitting with their two children. The Duke's portrait is particularly good. The Duke had a large picture by Honthorst, representing a tooth-drawer with many figures round him, sive seet by seven seet.

[‡] Among the Harleian MSS. No. 6988. art. 19. is a letter from King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham, in the postscript to which he asks the Duke, if Honthorst had finished the Queen's picture?

[§] Sandrart.

ring his residence here that he drew an admirable half length of Lucy Countess of Bedford now at Woburn: it is painted and finished with the greatest vivacity and clearness. She is in black, leaning on her hand. Mr. West has the portraits of the Marquis of Montrose, of the Princes Rupert and Maurice with his name written to them thus. Gonthorst. Another of their eldest brother Charles Lodowick, Count Palatine, * is dated 1633. A print of Mary de' Medici is inscribed, G. Honthorst . effigiem pinxit 1633. Rubens was a great admirer of Honthorst's night-pieces. The latter worked for the King of Denmark; the close of his life was employed in the fervice of the Prince of Orange, whose houses at the Hague, Hounslaerdyck and Reswick were adorned by his pencil with poetic histories. At the last of the three he painted a chamber with the habits, animals and productions of various countries, and received 8000 floring for his labour. He died at the Hague in 1660. Descamps in his second volume fays, that Honthorst brought to

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[•] In the gallery at Duffeldorp is the story of the Prodigal Son by Honthorst.

England Joachim Sandrart, his scholar, and that the King bespoke many pictures of him; and that for the Earl of Arundel he copied from Holbein, Henry VIII. Sir T. More, Erasmus, and several others; and that he left England and went to Venice in 1627. I find no other authority for this account: not one work of Sandrart is mentioned in K. Charles's collection; and what is more conclusive against his having been in England, he takes not the least notice of it himself in the life of Honthorst, tho' he relates his master's journey to England and his works here, and calls himself one of his disciples.

JOHN VAN BELCAMP

was employed under Vanderdort as a copyer of the King's * pictures, and was reckoned to fucceed. The whole length of Edward IV. in his night-gown and flippers, (the face in profile) which hangs over the chimney in the anti-chamber at St. James's, was painted by Belcamp, the face probably taken from the ancient original. catalogue of James II. are mentioned pic-

... * One was of the Queen in small in a piece of perspective, fold at the dispersion of the collection.



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tures of Edward III. the Black Prince, Anne of Denmark, Louis XIII. and of a large stag; Edward III. and the Black Prince are still in an anti-room at St. James's, and that of the King of France is perhaps the portrait now at Hampton-court. At Drayton, the seat of the Lady Elizabeth Germain in Northamptonshire, are whole lengths of Henry VII. and VIII. copied by Belcamp from the large picture of Holbein, which was burned at Whitehall. When King Charles secretly withdrew from that palace, in the letter which he lest for Colonel Whalley were these directions,

"There are here three pictures which are not mine, that I defire you to restore, my wife's picture in blew sattin sitting in a chair you must send to * Mrs. Kirk. My eldest daughter's picture copied by Belcam to the † Countess of Anglesey; and my ‡ Lady Stanhope's

* Anne Kirk, one of the Queen's dreffers, which place the carried on a competition against Mrs. Neville. See Strafford papers vol. ii. p. 73. There is a metzotinto whole length of Mrs. Kirk from Vandyck.

† Mary Bayning, wife of Charles Villiers Earl of Anglesey, nephew of the Duke of Buckingham.

‡ Catherine daughter of Thomas Lord Wotton, wife of Henry Lord Stanhope, who died before his father the

hope's picture to Carey Raleigh. There is a fourth which I had almost forgot; it is the original of my eldest daughter, it hangs in this chamber over the board near the chimney, which you must fend to my Lady * Aubigney." At Wimpole in Cambridgeshire the seat of the Earl of Oxford, which had

Earl of Chesterfield. She had been governess to Mary Princels of Orange, daughter of Charles I. and having been very zealous in the King's service, was after the restoration made Countess of Chesterfield. Vandyck was said to be in love with her, but was so ungalant as to dispute with her on the price of her picture, which he threatened to fell if the would not give him what he demanded. See a letter of Lord Conway to Lord Wentworth in a collection published by Dodsley in two volumes, 1754. vol. i. p. 136. It was thought the Lord Cottington would have married her, but that the was in love with Carey Raleigh, Sir Walter's fon. mentioned in the text. At last she married Poliander Kirkhoven Lord of Helmfleet in Holland, and died April 9, 1677. There is a whole length print from Vandyck, where by mistake she is called Anne instead of Catherine; the original was bought by Sir Robert Walpole from the Wharton collection.

Catherine Howard eldest daughter of Theophilus Earl of Suffolk. She was in love with George Lord Aubigney second son of the Duke of Lenox, and turned catholic to marry him. See Strafford papers, vol. ii. p. 165. She was secondly married to James Levingston Earl of Newburgh. There is a half length print of her from Vandyck,

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been Sir Henry Pickering's and before him the feat of the Tempests, were copies by Belcamp of several English heads, remarkable persons in the reigns of Henry VIII. Elizabeth, James, and Charles I. but they were all sold and dispersed with the rest of the Harleian collection.

Belcamp was added by a vote of the Commons June 2, 1649, to the number of trustees for the sale of the King's goods; and the directions for the sale in 1650 are witnessed by him. In one of the pocket-books of R. Symonds he is said to be lately dead in 1653.

HORATIO GENTILESCHI

a native of Pifa, was disciple of Aurelio Lomi his half brother. After distinguishing himself at Florence, Rome and Genoa, he went to Savoy, and from thence passing into France, was invited over by King Charles, who gave him lodgings and a considerable salary, and employed him in his palaces, particularly at Greenwich, in painting ciclings. Nine pieces, which were in that palace, were sold after the King's death for 600 l. and are now the ornaments of the hall

hall at Marlborough-house. He worked too for Villiers * Duke of Buckingham at York-house. A cieling from thence was fince at the house of Sheffield Duke of Buckingham in St. James's park. It represented the nine muses in a large circle. He painted too the family of Villiers, and a large picture for him eight feet wide by five high. of a Magdalen lying in a grotto contemplating a skull. At Hampton-court is his Joseph and Potiphar's wife; he drew other things for the King and prefented him with a book of drawings. Of Lot and his daughters there is a print after him, in which he is called by mistake Civis Romanus, engraved by Lucas Vosterman. He made feveral attempts at portrait painting, but with little fuccess, and after residing here about twelve years, died at the age of eighty-four, and was buried under the altar in the chapel at Somerset-house. His daughter

^{*} In that Duke's collection are mentioned two pictures by him of a Magdalen and the holy family. See the catalogue published by Bathoe.

ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI

was also in England, was reckoned not inferior to her father in history, and excelled him in portraits: Her own is in the gallery at Althorp. King Charles had several of her works. Her best was David with the head of Goliah. She drew some of the royal family and many of the nobility—but the chief part of her life was passed at Naples where she lived splendidly, and was as famous, says Graham, * for her amours † as for her painting.

NICHOLAS LANIERE

was one of those artists, whose various talents were so happy all as to suit the taste of Charles the first. Laniere was born in Italy, was a musician, painter, engraver, and understood hands. He had great share in

^{*} English School, at the end of the translation of De Piles.

[†] R. Symondes speaking of Nic. Laniere, says, see Inamorato d'Artemissa Gentileschi, che pingeva bene."

the * purchases made for the royal collection, † and probably was even employed in the treaty of Mantua. One picture is faid expressy in the King's catalogue to have been changed with Mr. Laniere. His fame was most considerable as a musician. In Ben Johnson's works is a masque performed at the house of the Lord Hay in 1617 for the entertainment of the French Embassador, the whole masque after the Italian manner, stylo recitativo, by master Nicholas Laniere, who ordered and made both scenes and music. He was employed many years afterwards in a very different and more melancholy manner; a vocal composition for a funeral hymn on his royal master, written by Thomas Pierce, was fet by Laniere. ‡ It was in this capacity that he had a falary of 200 l. a year. The patent is dated

[•] The author of the English School says he put a particular mark on the pictures bought by him for the King, but does not tell us what; it was thus . He marked his own etchings with an L.

⁺ R. Symondes says, the Duke of Buckingham once gave Laniere 500 l. in gold because he could not get of King James what Laniere deserved. Another time gave him 300 l. in gold.

¹ Wood's Athenae, vol. if. p. 862.

July 11, 1626. He had besides the office of closet-keeper to the King. As a painter he drew for Charles a picture of Mary, Christ and Joseph; his own portrait † done by himself with a pallet and pencils in his hand, and musical notes on a scrip of paper, is in the music school at Oxford. There is a print of him, painted by John Lyvyus, and engraved by Vosterman, and another portrait of him at the late Sir Andrew Fountain's at Narford in Norfolk. On one of the plates which he etched ‡ himself, he has put in Italian, done in my youthfull age of 74. At the fale of the King's goods he gave 230 l. for four pictures. His brothers | Clement and Jerome were likewise

[·] See Rymer's Foedera.

[†] There was another portrait of him and of Isaac Oliver in one piece in the collection of James II. See the catalogue published by Bathoe.

[†] Mr. Rose the jeweller had all the plates for a drawing-book by Laniere, etched by himself. It is called, Prove primo satte à l'acqua sorte da N. Laniere à l'eta su giovanile di sessanta otto anni, 1636. Another small book he intituled, Maschere delin. da J. Romano, ex coll. N. Laniere, 1638.

If There was also a John Laniere, I suppose son of one of the brothers, who set two ballads of Lovelace. See his Lucasta, p. 3. 43.

purchasers. In one of R. Symonds's pocketabooks is this memorandum,

"When the King's pictures came from Mantua, quickfilver was got in amongst them and made them all black. Mr. Hieronymo Laniere told me that to cleanse them, first he tried fasting spittle, then he mixt it with warm milk, and those would not do. At last he cleansed them with aqua-vitae alone, and that took off all the spots, and he says 'twill take off old varnish. *

Nicholas died at the age of 78, and was buried in St. Martin's Nov. 4, 1646.

FRANCIS WOUTERS

of Lyere, was born in 1614, and bred in the school of Rubens, but chiefly practiced in landscape, to which he added small naked sigures, as Cupids, Nymphs, &c. He was much in favour with the Emperor Ferdinand II. but coming to England with the

Embassador

Laniere seems to have been an adept in all the arts of picture-craft; Sanderson speaks of him as the first who passed off copies for originals, by tempering his colours with soot, and then by rolling them up, he made them crackle and contract an air of antiquity. Graphice, p. 16.

Embassador of that Prince in 1637, his pictures pleased at court, and he was made chief painter to the Prince of Wales, afterwards Charles H. In a MS. catalogue of King Charles's pictures he is said to have painted a cieling with Hercules and other Gods, in a room there, called the Contractor's room, but in which palace is not specified. The On the missortunes of the royal family he retired to Antwerp, where in 1659 he was shot by the accidental discharge of a gun. There is an epitaph on him in De Bie's Gulden Cabinet. A large print after Titian, engraved by Hollar in 1650, is dedicated to Wouters.

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arrived here in 1641, a little before the death of Vandyck, of whose manner he was a lucky imitator, and had the honour of having some of his pictures pass for that master's. He left England in 1649, saying, "He would never stay in a country where they cut off their King's head and were not

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^{*} In the catalogue of James II. are mentioned three landscapes and the story of St. Sebastian, by Wonters, and in Sir Peter Lely's, a landscape with figures.

ashamed of the action." It had been more fensible to say, he would not stay where they cut off the head of a king that rewarded painters, and defaced and sold his collection. One John Weesop, probably his son, was buried in St. Martin's in 1652.

JOHN DE CRITZ

has been mentioned in the former volume. Though ferjeant-painter to Charles I, he may more properly be called a retainer to the arts than a professor. His life is to be collected rather from office-books than from his works or his reputation. Yet he was not ignorant. I have two sketches of heads drawn by him with a pen, that are masterly. Vertue saw many more in the hands of Murray the painter who was scholar of a son or nephew of De Critz, who, according to Murray, painted bravely scenes for masks. Among those drawings was a sketch from a picture of * Sir Philip Sidney, then

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^{*} In the Earl of Oxford's library was a copy of Holland's Heroologia, in which in an old hand, supposed to be done immediately after the publication of the book in 1618, was written where every picture was Yol. II.

at the house of De Critz, and now in the possession of Lord Chesterfield. At Oatlands he painted a middle piece for a cieling, which on the dispersion of the King's effects was fold for 201. In 1657 he painted the portrait of ferjeant Maynard with a paper in his hand. In a book belonging to the board of works was a payment to John De Critz for repairing pictures of Palma and the Caesars of Titian. This was in 1632. Among the annuities and fees payable out of the customs in the port of London in that reign was a payment to John. De Critz his majesty's serjeant-painter, for his annuity at 40 L a year due to him for one year ended at Michaelmas 1633. And in a wardrobe account, lost in the fire in the temple, was this entry; "To John De Critz serjeant-painter, for painting and gilding with good gold the body and carriages of two coaches and the carriage of one chariot and other necessaries, 1791. 3 s. 4 d. anno-1634." If this bill should seem to debase the dignity of serieant-painter, it may com-

from which the prints were taken. That of Sir Philip Sidney is the same with Lord Chestersield's and underwas written, at Mr. De Critz's—Arong evidences of this being a genuine picture.

fort the profession to know that Solimeni, who was inferior to no painter of any age in vanity, whatever he was in merit, painted a coach for the present King of Spain, when King of Naples, which cost 12000 l. Indeed I can produce no precedent of any great master who painted and gilded barges, as serjeant De Critz appears to have done by the following paper, a memorandum in his own hand;

"John De Critz demaundeth allowance for these parcells of Worke following, viz. For repayreing, refreshing, washing and varnishing the whole body of his majesty's privy barge, * and mending with fine gould and saire colours many and divers parts thereof, as about the chaire of state, the doores, and most of the antiques about the windowes, that had bene galled and defaced, the two sigures at the entrance being most new coloured and painted, the Mercury and the

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In the court-books at painter's-hall there is a letter to the company from the Earl of Pembroke, directing them to appoint certain persons of their hall to view the King's and Queen's barges lately beautified, painted, and gilded by De Creetz, serjeant-painter, and give an estimate of the work, which they did of 280% and some other expences.

lion that are fixed to the sternes of this and the row barge being in several places repayred both with gould and colours, as also the tassarils on the top of the barge in many parts guilded and strowed with sayre byse. The two sigures of Justice and Fortitude most an end being quite new painted and guilded. The border on the outside of the bulk being new layd with faire white and trayled over with greene according to the custom heretofore—and for baying and colouring the whole number of the oares for the row barge being thirty-six."

On the other fide of this scrap of paper " For feveral times oyling is another bill. and laying with fayre white a stone for a fun-dyall opposite to some part of the King and Queen's lodgings, the lines thereof being drawn in feverall colours, the letters directing to the howers guilded with fine gould, as alsoe the glory, and a scrowle guilded with fine gould, whereon the number and figures specifying the planetary howers are inscribed: likewise certain letters drawne in black informing in what part of the compasse the fun at any time there shining shall be resident; the whole worke being circumferenced with a frett painted in a manner of a stone

a stone one, the compleat measure of the whole being fix foote."

At bottom of each of these bills are the sketches of heads I mentioned. De Critz and others were buyers of the King's goods to the value of 49991. Rich. Symonds fays that at De Critz's house in Austin-fryars were three rooms full of the King's pictures. Emanuel De Critz, brother or fon, was one of the petitioners to the council of state for delivery of the goods they had purchased, which had been detained by Cromwell. Thomas De Critz, brother of John, was a painter too, and superior, said Murray, to his brother. One of the name was macebearer to the house of parliament. A head of one Oliver De Critz, with a paper in his hand, is in the museum at Oxford. John De Critz had a scholar called Le Mense. who was born at Antwerp.

ADRIAN HANNEMAN

was born at the Hague, and painted both history and portraits, having studied under one Ravesteyn, but more from the works of Vandyck, of whose airs of heads Vertue thought him the best imitator. He made

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love, as is faid before, to the niece of Cornelius Jansen though without fuccess, and drew that painter, his wife and fon. He came to England in the reign of King Charles, and for fome time worked under Mytens, and continued here fixteen years. Returning to Holland, he became the favorite painter of Mary Princess of Orange. There is a picture of her and the Prince in armour at Lord Strafford's at Wentworthcastle, painted, I believe, by Hanneman. At Windsor, * a portrait of Duke Hamilton: at Worksop, the Duke of Norfolk's, a picture of kettles and utenfils. Sir Peter Lely had a man playing on a lute two feet ten square. In the library belonging to the cathedral of Lincoln, the portrait of one Honeywood, whose mother lived to see 365 of her own descendents. There is a print of Charles II. painted before his restoration by Hanneman, engraved by Hen. Danckers at the Hague; and at General Compton's Vertue faw one done by Hanneman at the same time. † He painted in the chamber of the

^{*} There were five other portraits of the royal family by him in the collection of James II. See the catalogue.

⁺ English School.

States at the Hague; and for the Heer Van Wenwing two usurers counting their money; while he worked on this he wanted a furn himself, which he borrowed of the perfon who had ordered the picture, and which when it was finished, Wenwing would have deducted, but Hanneman told him that all the gold he had borrowed was put into the picture, and was what the misers were counting. He died about 1680. His son, called William, was buried in St. Martin's in 1641.

There were several other painters here in the reign of Charles, who were so inconsiderable, or of whom I find so little, that I shall mention them very briefly.

Cornelius Neve drew the poteraits of Richard Lord Buckhurst and Mr. Edward Sackville in one piece in 1637. It is at Knowle. No. 73, in the picture-gallery at Oxford is painted by him, where he is called a celebrated painter. In 1664, he drew the portrait of Mr. Ashmole in his herald's coat. *

^{*} Ashmole's Diary, p. 39.

K. Coker, painted a head of Colonel Maffey, preserved at Coddington in Cheshire.

Matthew Goodricke or Gothericke, is mentioned as a painter in one of the office books of that reign.

In the inventory of the pictures at Oatlands was a view of Greenwich by * Stalband; and in Mr. Harene's fale 1764, was an octagon landscape with the story of the Centurion, by the same hand; something in the manner of Paul Brill, but the colours exceedingly bright and glaring. And in another catalogue of the King's pictures was a prospect of Greenwich by Portman.

Mr. Greenbury is mentioned in the † catalogue of the King's collection for copying two pictures of Albert Durer by the direction of the Lord Marshal. Probably he was one of Lord Arundel's painters.

Horatio Paulin lived chiefly in Holland. He came to England, went to Hamburgh, and thence to the Holy-land. Rotiere

<sup>His head is amongst those engraved after Vandyck.
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agreed to go with him but was discouraged. Descamps * expresses surprize, "that pious painters should have exhibited to the public very licentious pieces and fcandalous nudities." But by the account which he has given of Horatio Paulin, he seemed to prefent himself with a very easy solution of this paradox. Paulin set on foot a kind of promiscuous crusado to the Holy-land; they were stored with crosses, relicks, &c. and on the road made many profelytes of both fexes. A baker's wife in particular was so devout, that she thought it a meritorious action to plunder her husband of his plate, that she might equip herself for the pilgrimage. When the caravan was furnished by theft, one may easily conceive why it's apostle painted indecent altar-pieces.

Povey lived in this reign and painted a head which was in the possession of Mr. Leneve, Norroy.

One Hamilton an Englishman, is mentioned by † Sandrart as excelling in painting birds and grapes, and doing several things for the Elector of Brandenburgh.

^{*} Page 151. vol. iii.

⁺ Page 384.

Edward Bower drew the portrait of Mr. Pym; an equestrian figure of General Fair-fax, and John Lord Finch of Fordwich: The two last were engraved by Hollar.

Holderness drew the picture of an old woman with a skull, which was in the collection of Villiers Duke of Buckingham.

T. Johnson made a draught of Canterbury in 1651, which hangs on the stairs of the library belonging to the cathedral.

Reurie is mentioned by * Sanderson as a painter in little in 1658.

FRANCIS BARLOW

was of more note than the preceding artists. † He was born in Lincolnshire, and placed with one Sheperd a face-painter; but his taste lay to birds, fish and animals, in which he made great figure, though his colouring was not equal to his designs—consequently, which is not often the case, the prints from his works did him more honour, than the works themselves, especially as he had the good fortune to have some of them engraved

[•] In his Graphice.

^{... +} See English School.

by Hollar and Faithorn. * There are fix books of animals from the drawings of Barlow, and a fet of cuts for Aefop's Fables. Some cielings of birds he painted for noblemen and † gentlemen in the country; and he drew some of the monuments in Westminster-abbey, defigned for an edition of Mr. Keep's history of that cathedral. Mr. Symonds fays he lived near the drum in Drury-lane, and received eight pounds for a picture of fishes. He once painted a half length of General Monke; and the herse was defigned by him, as was expressed in the Lord Chamberlain's warrant to Sir Christopher Wren to prepare timber for it at Monke's funeral. I have a curious long roll, engraved by White, exhibiting the ceremonies and procession of that magnificent interment, with a full description of it; the frontispiece is well designed by Barlow. is remarkable that forty gentlemen of good families submitted to wait as mutes with their

^{*} The title to one of his books, in which some are etched by Hollar, is, "Diversae Avium species studio-sissimé ad vitam delineatae per Fran. Barlow ingeniosis-simum Anglum pictorem. Guil. Faithorn excudit 1658."

⁺ At Clandon, Lord Onflow's, are five pieces by Barlow.

backs against the wall of the chamber where the body laid in state, for three weeks, waiting alternately twenty each day. Barlow, though inheriting a large sum of money from a friend, died poor so lately as 1702.

Sir TOBY MATTHEWS

one of those heteroclite animals who finds his place any where. His father was Archbishop of York, and he a jesuit. He was supposed a wit, and believed himself a politician. His works are ridiculous, and his greatest success was a little mischief in making converts. The famous Countess of Carlisle, as meddling as Matthews, and as affected, was the object of his adoration. He drew a character of her, † which com-

^{*} On the Lady Newburgh being converted to popery, Lord Conway writes thus to the Earl of Strafford, I'he King did use such words of Wat. Montagu and Sir Tobie Matthew, that the fright made Wat keep his chamber longer than his sickness would have detained him; and Don Tobiah was in such perplexity that I find he will make a very ill man to be a martyr; but now the dog doth again wag his tail." Strafford papers, vol. ii. p. 125. It seems in this business Matthews was anjustly accused; the conversion had been made by the Duchess of Buckingham and Signor Con, the Spanish resident, p. 128.

⁺ See this character prefixed to his Letters.

mends her fo impertinently, that with scarce ftraining, it might pass for a satire. For instance, he says, "She has as much sense and gratitude for the actions of friendship as so extreme a beauty will give her leave to entertain; and that although she began to be civil to people at first, she would rather fhow what she could do, than let her nature continue in it, and that she never considered merit in others but in proportion as they had any to her. That she affected particularity fo much, that you might fear to be less valued by her for obliging her; that she had little religion, was passionate, could fuffer no condition but plenty and glory, was fickle, and gay only out of contradiction because her physicians had told her she was inclined to melancholy"-with a heap of fuch nonfense - in short, I believe, no proud beauty was ever fo well flattered to her own contentment. Mr. Garrard, master of the charter-house, a man of more sense and more plain sense than Matthews, has drawn this Lady's character in fewer words, and upon the whole not very unlike Sir Toby's picture; "My Lady Carhsle will be respected and observed by her superiors, be feared by those that will make themselves her equals, and and will not suffer herself to be beloved but of those that are her servants." * Sir Toby Matthews's title to a place in this work depends singly upon a letter from the Duchess of Buckingham to the Duke, † in which she tells him she had not yet seen the picture which Toby Matthews had drawn of the Infanta and sent over. Vertue adds that he had some small skill in limning; otherwise I should have concluded, that he had only drawn the Infanta's portrait in the same fantastic colours which he had employed on Lady Carlisle. † However as it is not so

* Strafford papers, vol. i. p. 363.

† R. Symondes fays, Mr. Gage, Sir Thoby Matthewes, Mr. F1—ill were buyers of pictures for the Duke of Buckingham.

† That I guessed right, and that the portrait of the Infanta was only a description of her person, is evident from a letter written to K. James by Prince Charles and the Duke of Buckingham from Spain, in which they tell him that "Pretty little Toby Matthews comes to intreat us to deliver this letter to your Majesty, which is, as he calls it, a picture of the Infanta's, drawn in black and white. We pray you let none laugh at it but yourself and honest Kate (the Duchess of Bucks.) He thinks he has hit the nail of the head, but you will find it the soolishest thing that ever you saw."

V. Miscell. State-papers, published by Lord Hardwicke 1778. vol. ii. p. 423. seign to the design of this work to throw in as many lights as possible on the manners of the several ages, I did not unwillingly adopt Vertue's mistake, if it is one. Whoever desires to know more of this person, will find his life in the Athenae Oxonienses. But I have not yet done with these motley characters; the King's taste made his court affect to be painters and virtuosi; among these was

Sir JAMES PALMER,

often mentioned in the catalogue of the toyal collection; in which he fold, gave and painted pictures. Of the latter was a piece of Tarquin and Lucretia copied from Titian. Another, the feast of Bacchus, was delivered to him by the King's own hands, to be copied in tapestry at the manufacture in Mortlack. He had lodgings in the tennis-court at Whitehall, and is often mentioned as a domestic servant. † He was the person sent

^{*} Page 52. for the others fee p. 10. 53. 84. 115. 137. 159.

[†] He was chancellor of the garter, and married Katherine eldest daughter of William Lord Powys, widow of Sir Robert Vaughan, and was father of Roger Palmer Earl of Castlemain, husband of the Duchess of Cleveland.

to Richard Atkyns for the picture in which the King distinguished two different painters; and Mr. Garrard in a letter to Lord Strafford dated Jan. 9, 1633, says, "I had almost forgot to tell your Lordship that the diceing-night the King carried away in James Palmer's hat 1850 pieces. The Queen was his half and brought him that good luck; she shared presently 900." In Stone's accounts, from which I have given some extracts above, is mention of a monument for Palmer's wife. If these men add no great ornament to our list, it will at least be honoured by our next; the Hogarth of poetry was a painter too; I mean,

SAMUEL BUTLER

the author of Hudibras. In his life prefixed to his works we are told, "That for his diversion he practiced music and painting. I have seen, adds the writer, some pictures said to be of his drawing which remained in that samily (of Mr. Jefferys) which I mention not for the excellency of them, but

^{*} Several are actually extant in the possession of a person in Worcestershire.

to fatisfy the reader of his early inclinations to that noble art; for which also he was afterwards entirely beloved by Mr. Samuel Cooper, one of the most eminent painters of his time."

FRANCIS CLEYN

was a painter in a different style from any we had feen here; for which reason, though he arrived earlier than many I have mentioned, I referved him 'till I had dispatched the performers in oil. He was born at Rostock and retained in the service of Christian IV. King of Denmark, but the excellence of his genius prompted him to the fearch of better models than he found in that northern climate. He travelled to Italy and stayed there four years; it was at Rome, I suppose, he learned those beautifull grotefques, in which he afterwards At Venice he became known to Sir Henry Wotton, and Sir Robert Anstruther recommended him to Prince Charles. He arrived while the Prince was in Spain, but notwithstanding was graciously received by King James, who mentions that circumstance in a Latin letter that he wrote to the King Vol. II.

King of Denmark, desiring leave to detain Cleyn in England, though with a permission to return first to Copenhagen and finish a work he had begun there, and promising to pay the expence of his journey. The letter is preserved by Fuller *. The request was granted, and Cleyn returned to London at the end of the summer. The King had just then given two thousand pounds towards Sir Francis Crane's new manufacture of tapestry at Mortlack. They had worked only after old patterns; Cleyn was placed there, and gave deligns both in history and grotefque, which carried those works to fingular perfection. It appears by King Charles's catalogue that five of the cartoons were fent thither to be copied by him in tapeftry. His pension is recorded by Rymer. † " Know yee that we do give and graunt unto Francis Cleyne a certain annuitie of one hundred pounds by the year during his natural life." He enjoyed this falary 'till the civil war; and was in such favour with the King and in fuch reputation, that on a fmall drawing of him in Indian ink about fix inches square, which

[•] In his Worthies of Surrey, p. 77.

[†] Vol. xviii. p. 112.

Vertue saw, he is called, Il famosissimo pittore Francesco Cleyn, miracolo del secolo, e molto stimato del re Carlo della gran Britania, 1646." Cleyn was not employed folely in the works at Mortlack; he had a house near the church in Covent-garden, and did feveral other things for the King and Nobility. At Somerset-house he paint, ed a cieling of a room near the gallery with histories and compartments in gold. The outside of Wimbledon-house he painted in fresco. Bolsover in Nottinghamshire, Stonepark in Northamptonshire, and Carew-house at Parson's-green (since Lord Peterborough's) were ornamented by him. There is still extant a beautifull chamber adorned by him at Holland-house, with a cieling in grotefque, and fmall compartments on the chimnies, in the ftyle and not unworthy, of Parmegiano. Two chairs, carved and gilt, with large shells for backs, belonging to the same room, were undoubtedly from his designs; and are evidences of his taste. A letter * from Lord Cottington to Lord Strafford, describing the former's house at Hanworth, mentions Cleyn, though not by

^{*} Strafford papers.

name. "There is a certain large low room made under the building with a fountain in it, and other rare devises, and the open gallery is all painted by the hand of a fecond Titian. Aug. 1629." In King Charles's catalogue is mention of four patterns for the great feal, drawings * on blue paper by Cleyn. He made designs for various artists; particularly for several of Hollar's plates to Virgil and Aesop: for these he received fifty shillings a piece. There are two small books of foliages from his drawings; one containing fix fmall flips with animals in grotesque; the other, in five slips, of the fenses: and the initial letters of his name F. C. inv. 1646. And two books for carvers, goldfiniths, &c. containing 25 plates. It is however uncertain whether these and a few other plates of the same kind are not by his fon, who had the fame christian name, and imitated his father's manner. Such is a title-page to Lacrymae Musarum, elegies on the Lord Haftings, who died in 1650, the day before he was to have been married. Also, seven plates of the liberal arts, about four or five inches square, pret-

^{*} I am informed that some drawings by Cleyn are in the possession of the Earl of Moray in Scotland.

tily defigned and neatly etched. On a small print of the father, etched by the son, Mr. Evelyn wrote, " A most pious man, father of two fons, who were incomparable painters in miniature; all died in London." the register of Mortlack it appears that he had three fons; Francis born in 1625, who died and was buried at Covent-garden October 21, 1650. Charles and John; and two daughters, Sarah and Magdalen. He had another daughter, probably born in London, and called Penelope. Vertue faw a miniature, like Cooper's manner, but not so well, of Dorothea, youngest daughter of Richard Cromwell, aet. 4, 1668, with these letters, P. C. which he thought fignified Penelope Cleyn, * In the catalogue of plates and prints exhibited to fale by Peter Stent 1662, was a book of grotesques in ten plates; Francis Cleyn inv. et sculpsit. + Cleyn besides his own sons, instructed Dobfon; and died himself about 1658, Mr.

^{*} At Burleigh is a head of Cecil Lord Roos, 1677, with the same letters.

⁺ There is a plate with fix heads prefixed to Dr. Dee's book printed in 1659, with Fran Cleyn invent.

English * a painter who died at Mortlack in 1718 had a picture of Cleyn and his wife and several of his designs for tapestries, all which came to Mr. Crawley of Hempsted Hertfordshire. Richard Symonds in one of his pocket-books mentions another piece of Cleyn and his family by candle-light, and a copy by the fon of a facrifice from Raphael, which was in the royal collection, and a drawing on coloured paper. At Kensington I have lately found a picture which I do not doubt is of Cleyn's hand. It represents 'Christ' and Mary in a chamber, the walls and windows of which are painted in grotefque. Different rooms are seen through the doors, in one I suppose is Martha employed in the business of the family. There is merit in this piece, particularly in the perspective and grotesques, the latter of which, and the figures in the manner of the Venetian school, make me not hefitate to ascribe it to this mafter.

He etched a small print from Titian, Christ and the two Disciples at Emans.

JOHN HOSKINS.

For the life of this valuable master I find fewer * materials, than of almost any man in the lift who arrived to fo much excellence. Vertue knew no more of him than what was contained in Graham's English School, where we are only told " that he was bred a face-painter in oil, but afterwards taking to miniature, far exceeded what he did before; that he drew King Charles, his Queen and most of the court, and had two considerable disciples, Alexander and Samuel Cooper, the latter of whom became much the more eminent limner." Holkins, though furpassed by his scholar, the younger Cooper, was a very good painter; there is great truth and nature in his heads; but the carnations are too bricky, and want a degradation and variety of tints. I have a head of ferjeant Maynard by him, boldly painted and in a manly ftyle, though not without these faults; and another good one of Lord Falkland, more descriptive of his patriot melancholy than the common prints; it was in the col-

lection P 4 ŗ

^{*} There is not even a portrait of him extant,

lection of Dr. Meade. * There is indeed one + work of Holkins that may be called perfect; it is a head of a man, rather young, in the gown of a master of arts, and a red farren wastecoat. The clearness of the colouring is equal to either Oliver; the dishevelled hair touched with exquisite freedom. It is in the possession of Mr. Fanshaw, but not known whose portrait. Vertue mentions a fon of Hoskins of the same name, and says, that this mark H distinguishes the works of the father from those of the son, which have I. H. fimply. I meet with no other hint of a fon of that name except in Sanderson, who barely names him. † One Peter Holkins is entered into the register of Covent-garden as buried July 1, 1681. Hoskins the father was buried in that church Feb. 22, 1664. In

[•] At Burleigh is a portrait of David Cecil, son of John 4th Earl of Exeter by Frances, daughter of the Earl of Rutland; it is dated 1644; and another of Sir Edward Cecil, afterwards Viscount Wimbledon.

[†] Since the first edition of this book I have seen another at Burleigh, scarce inserior. It is the profile of a boy, in brown, holding in one hand a play-thing like castanets. It is admirably natural.

[†] Page 20. In the same place he speaks in the like transient manner of a son of Hilliard.

the * catalogue of King Charles are mentioned two drawings by Hoskins for the great seal. Colonel Sothby has a head of Sir Benjamin Rudyard by him, and a profile, which Vertue thought might be Hoskins himself. Prefixed to Coryat's Crudities is a copy of verses with his name to them.

ALEXANDER COOPER

was nephew of Hoskins, and with his brother Samuel, of whom an account will be given in the ensuing volume, was instructed in water-colours by their uncle. Alexander painted landscapes in this manner as well as portraits. At Burleigh is the Story of Acteon and Diana by him. He went abroad, resided some time at Amsterdam, and at last entered into the service of Queen Christina.

ANNE CARLISLE,

a paintress, admired for her copies (it is not said whether in oil or miniature) from Italian masters. Graham † says, she was in such favour with King Charles, that he presented her and Vandyck with as much ul-

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⁺ English School.

tramarine at one time as cost him above five hundred pounds. If her share was near equal, I should suppose she painted in oil It would be a very long time before the worth of 200 l. in ultramarine could be employed in miniatures. Vertue mentions her teaching a lady to paint, whose picture she drew standing behind her own; herself was fitting with a book of drawings in her lap; and he adds, that many pieces painted by her were in the possession of a widow Lady Cotterel, Mrs. Carlifle died about £680.

JOHN PETITOT

was patronized by the two monarchs, who of late years have given the noblest encouragement to artifes, Charles I. and Louis XIV. He deserved their protection as a genius, and has never been equalled in enamel. alone has once or twice, and but once or twice, produced works that might stand in competition with any single performance of Petitot.

The latter was born at Geneva in 1607; his father, a fewlptor and architect, having passed part of his life in Italy, had retired to that city. The for was defidned for a jeweller, and having frequent occasion to make use of enamel, he attained such a tone of colour, that Bordier, who afterwards became his brother-in-law, conceived, that if Petitot would apply himself to portrait, he might carry the art to great persection. Though both wanted several colours, which they knew not how to prepare for the fire, their attempts had great success. Petitot executed the heads and hands, Bordier, the hair, draperies and grounds.

In this intercourse of social labour, the two friends set out for Italy. As painters, the treasures of the art were open to them; as enamellers, they improved too by frequenting the best chymists of that country; but it was in England that they were so fortunate as to learn the choicest secrets in the branch to which they had devoted themselves. Sir Theodore Mayern, first physician to Charles, and a great chymist, communicated to them the process of the principal colours which ought to be employed in enamel, and which surpassed the famous vitrisications of Venice and Limoges.

Mayern introduced Petitot to the King, who knighted and gave him an apartment in Whitehall. The French author of the Abrege

Abregè de la Vie des plus fameux Peintres, whom I copy, and am forry to criticize while I am indebted to him, fays, that Vandyck feeing some designs of Petitot at the King's goldsmith's, and informing himself of the author, advised him to quit the profession of jeweller, and apply himself to painting portraits in enamel. But the biographer had told us that that step was already taken; and furely had not been abandoned during a long stay in Italy. What the fame writer adds, that Vandyck gave him instructions, when Petitot copied the works of that master, and that his copies from Vandyck are his best performances, is much more agreeable to probability and fact. The magnificent whole length of Rachel de Rouvigny Countess of Southampton, in the collection of the Duke of Devonshire, is painted from the original in oil by Vandyck, in the possession of Lord Hardwicke, and is indubitably the most capital work in enamel in the world; it is nine inches three quarters high, by five inches and three quarters wide; and though the enamel is not perfect in some trifling parts, the execution is the boldest and the colouring the most rich and beautifull that can be imagined.

ed. It is dated 1642. His Grace has a head of the Duke of Buckingham by the same hand; with the painter's name and the date 1640; confequently a copy performed * after the Duke's death. In the same collection is a portrait of a middle-aged man in armour, inclosed in a case of tortoishel, the person unknown, but inferior to none I have seen of this master. The Duchess of Portland has another of the Duke of Buckingham, exactly the fame as the preceding; Charles the first and his Queen, and the Lady Morton, governess of the royal children, who is celebrated by Waller. I have a fine head of Charles I. in armour, for which he probably fat, as it is not like any I have feen by Vandyck; James II. when Duke of York, freely painted, though highly finished, and I suppose done in France; a very large and capital one of his fifter Henrietta Duchefs of Orleans, exquisitely laboured; a very small, but fine head of Anne of Austria; another of Madame de Montespan; and a , few more of less note, but all of them touched in that minute and delicate style, into which he afterwards fell in France, and

^{*} It is evidently copied from the Duke's portrait in his family-piece by Honthorst at Kensington.

which,

which, though more laboured, has less merican richness of tints, than his English works. Vanderdort mentions a carving by Petitot from Titian's Lucretia, in which way I find no other account of his attempts, though, as his father was a sculptor, he probably had given his son some instructions.

The tragic death of his royal protector was a dreadful stroke, says his biographer, to Petitot, who attended the exiled family to Paris. I question, as so few English portraits appear by his hand, and none that I know later than 1642, whether the Civil War did not early drive him back to France; but Bordier undoubtedly remained here some time longer, having been employed by the parliament to paint a memorial of the battle of Naseby, which they presented to Fairfax their victorious general. This fingular curiofity is now in my possession, purchased from the Museum of Thoresby, who * bought it, with other rarities, from the executors of Fairfax. It consists of two round plates each

^{*} I have the receipt of the executors of Fairfax to Thorefby, who paid 1851, for his purchases. He has, at the end of his Ducatus Leodiensis, in the account of his own Museum, given a more minute description of these enamels.

but an inch and half diameter, and originally ferved, I suppose, for the top and boxtom of a watch, fuch enamelled plates being frequent to old watches instead of crystals. On the outlide of that which I take for the bottom, is a representation of the House of Commons, as exhibited on their feals by Simon. Nothing can be more perfect than these diminutive figures; of many even the countenances are distinguishable. On the other piece, within, is delineated the battle of Naseby; on the outside is Fairfax himfelf on his chestnut horse, men engaging at a distance. The figure and horse are copied from Vandyck, but with a freedom, and richness of colouring, perhaps surpassing that great mafter. Under the horse, one reads P. B. fecit. This is the single work which can with certainty be allotted to Bordier alone, and which demonstrates how unjustly his fame has been absorbed in the renown of his brother-in-law. Charles II. during his abode in France took great notice of Petitot: and introduced him to Louis, who, when the restoration happened, retained Petitot in his own fervice, gave him a pension and lodged him in the Louvre. Small portraits of that monarch by this great enameller.

ler, are extremely common, and of the two Queens, his mother and wife.

In 1651 he married Margaret Cuper; the celebrated Drelincourt performed the ceremony at Charenton; for Petitot was a zealous protestant, and dreading the confequences of the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685, he begged permission of the King to retire to Geneva. Louis, who did not care to part with so favourite a painter. and who perhaps thought that an enameller's religion was not composed of sterner stuff; than the great Turenne's, eluded his demand; and at last being pressed with repeated memorials, fent Petitot to Fort-l'eveque, and Boffuet to convert him. The fubtle apostle, who had woven such a texture of devotion and ambition, that the latter was scarce distinguishable from the former, had the mortification of not succeeding, and Petitot's chagrin bringing on a fever, he at last obtained his liberty, now almost arrived at the age of fourscore, which makes it probable that his conversion rather than his pencil had been the foundation of detaining him. He no fooner was free, than he escaped with his wife to Geneva in 1685. His children, who dreaded the King's wrath, remained,

remained at Paris, and throwing themselves at his seet, implored his protection. His Majesty, says my author, received them with great goodness, and told them, he willingly forgave an old man, who had a whim of being buried with his fathers.—I do not doubt but this is given, and passed at the time, for a bon-mot—but a very slat witticism cannot depreciate the glory of a confessor, who has suffered imprisonment, resisted eloquence, and sacrificed the emoluments of court-savor to the uprightness of his conscience. Petitot did not wish to be buried with his fathers, but to die in their religion.

Returned to his country, the good old man continued his darling profession. The King and Queen of Poland desired to be painted by his hand, and sent their portraits to be copied by him in enamel, but the messenger finding him departed, proceeded to Geneva, where he executed them with all the vigour of his early pencil. The Queen was represented sitting on a trophy, and holding the picture of the King. For this piece he received an hundred Louis d'ors.

So great was the concourse to visit him, that he was obliged to quit Geneva and retire to Veray, a little town in the canton of Vol. II.

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Berne, where as he was painting his wife, an illness seized and carried him off in a day, in 1691, at the age of fourscore and four. He had had seventeen children: one of his daughters, a widow, was living in 1752. My portrait of Charles I. came from one of his fons, who was a major in our fervice, and who died Major-General at North Allerton in Yorkshire, aged 60, July 19, 1764. Of the rest, one only attached himself to his father's art and practiced in London, his father often fending him his works for models. This fon painted in miniature too, and left descendents, who are settled at Dublin, from one of whom the Duchess of Portland has purchased a small, but exquisite head of their ancestor by himself. *

It is idle to write a panegyric on the greatest man in any vocation. That rank dispenses with encomiums, as they are never wanted but where they may be contested.

* This portrait the Duchess at her death, in 1785, bequeathed to her friend, the widow of Doctor Delany and correspondent of Swift; a lady of excellent sense and taste, a paintress in oil, and who, at the age of 75, invented the art of paper-mosaic, with which material coloured, she, in eight years, executed within twenty of a thousand various flowers and flowering shrubs, with a precision and truth unparalleled.

Petitot

Petitot generally used plates of gold or filver, feldom copper. In the dawn of his reputation he received twenty guineas for a picture, which price he afterwards raifed to forty. His custom was to have a painter to draw the likeness in oil, from which he made his sketches, and then finished them from the life. Those of Louis he copied from the best pictures of him, but generally obtained one or two fittings for the completion. His biographer fays, that he often added * hands to his portraits; I have feen but one fuch, the whole length of Lady Southampton; and that at Loretto there is of his work an incomparable picture of the Virgin. M. d' Heneri a collector at Paris possesses more than thirty of this great mafter's performances, particularly the portraits of Mesdames de la Valiere, Montespan, Fontanges, &c. Another has those of the famous Countess † d'Olonne,

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[•] He specifies one at Paris of Michel L'astre, the engraver, a large oval with hands, of which one rests on his breast.

[†] At Mariette's fale I bought for a very large priceanother head of the fame lady, as a Diana, a character to which she had no pretensions. It is one of the most capital of all Petitot's works, and is surrounded by a wreath of enamelled slowers in relief, executed by Giles Legare

the Duches of Bouillon, and other ladies of the court. Van Gunst engraved after Petitot the portrait of Chevreau.

Of Bordier, we have no fuller account than this incidental mention of him; yet I have shown that his is no trifling claim to a principal place among those artists whose works we have most reason to boast. I wish this clue may lead to farther discoveries concerning him!

I come now to other artists in the reign of Charles; and first of statuaries.

ANDREW KEARNE

a German, was brother-in-law of Nicholas Stone the elder, for whom he worked. Kearne too carved many statues for Sir Justinian Isham, at his house near Northampton. At Somerset-stairs he carved the River-god which answered to the Nile, made by Stone, and a lioness on the water-gate of Yorkstairs. For the Countess of Mulgrave a Venus and Apollo of Portland-stone, six seet high, for each of which he had seven pounds. He died in England, and lest a son that was alive since 1700.

of Chaumont in Baffigny, who was excellent in such works, and this, as Mariette said, was his chef d'œuvre.

JOHN SCHURMAN

born at Embden, was another of Stone's workmen, and afterwards fet up for himself. He was employed by Sir John Baskerville; made two shepherds sitting for Sir John Davers of Chelsea; a marble statue of Sir T. Lucy, for his tomb in Warwickshire, for which he was paid eighteen pounds, and sifty shillings for polishing and glazing; the same for a statue on * Lord Belhaven's tomb; a little boy on the same monument; two sphinxes for Sir John Davers; and Hercules and Antaeus for that gentleman's garden, at the rate of sixteen pounds.

EDWARD PIERCE

father and fon, are mentioned here together, though the father was a painter chiefly in the reign of the first Charles, the son a statuary who worked mostly under the second Charles, but each may be allotted to either period. The father painted history, land-scape † and architecture; but the greater

^{*} This tomb of Douglas Lord Belhaven is in the church of the abbey of Holyrood-house.

⁺ James II. had one of his hand. See the catalogue.

part of his works confisting of altar-pieces and cielings of churches were destroyed in the fire of London. One of his ciclings was in the church of Covent-garden. For fome time he worked under Vandyck, and feveral of his performances are at the Duke of Rutland's at Belvoir. A book of freezework in eight leaves, etched in 1640, was I fuppose by the hand of the father; as to him must be referred an entry in an office-book, where he is mentioned for painting and gilding frames of pictures at Somerset-house at two shillings the foot, Feb. 17, 1636. He also agrees to paint and gild the chimneypiece in the cross-gallery there for eight pounds. Dobson drew his picture. He died a few years after the restoration and was buried at Stamford. He had three fons, who all, says Graham, * became famous in their different ways. One was John Pierce, a painter; of the third, I find no account of his profession; the other was Edward the statuary and architect. He made the statues of Sir Thomas Gresham, of Edward III. at the Royal-exchange, and of Sir William Walworth at Fishmonger's-hall; a marble bust

^{*} English School.

of Thomas Evans, master of, and a great benefactor to, the company of painters in 1687: The bust is in their hall: a model of the head of Milton, which Vertue had, the bust of Sir Christopher Wren in the picturegallery at Oxford, and a buft of Cromwell fold at an auction in 1714. He much affisted Sir Christopher in many of his defigns, and built the church of St. Clement under his direction. Edward Pierce too carved the four dragons on the monument, at fifty pounds each. The whole cost of that column, exclusive of the dragons, and of the bastelief which is not mentioned in the account, appears by the furvey of Hooke, Leybourn and others, to have amounted to 8000 l. A rich vase at Hampton-court is another of the works of Pierce. He lived and died at his house the corner of Surrey-Rirect in the Strand, and was buried at St. Mary's le Savoy, in 1698.

HUBERT LE SOEUR.

one of the few we have had that may be called a classic artist, was a Frenchman, and disciple of John of Boulogne. He arrived at least as early as 1630, and by the only Q 4

only * two of his works that remain, we may judge of the value of those that are lost or destroyed. Of the latter were a + bust of Charles I. in brass, with a helmet surmounted by a dragon à la Romaine, three feet high, on a black pedestal: The fountain at Somerset-house with several statues; and six # brazen statues at St. James's. Of those extant are, the statue in brass of William Earl of Pembroke in the picture-gallery at Oxford, given by the grand-father of the prefent Earl; and the noble equestrian figure of King Charles at Charing-crofs, in which the commanding grace of the figure and exquisite form of the horse are striking to the most unpracticed eye. This piece was cast in 1633 in a spot of ground near the church of Covent-garden, and not being erected before the commencement of the civil war, it was fold by the parliament to John Rivet a brazier living at the dial

^{*} I have been told that the monument of the Duchess of Lenox was Le Soeur's, but I am not certain of it.

⁺ Vanderdort's catalogue, p. 180. I believe this very bust is now in the collection of Mr. Hoare at Stourhead; I had not seen it when the sirst edition of this work was published.

¹ Peacham.

near Holbourn-conduit, with strict orders to break it in pieces. But the man produced some fragments of old brass, and concealed the statue and horse under ground 'till the restoration. They had been made at the expence of the family of Howard-Arundel, who have still receipts to show by whom and for whom they were cast. They were set up in their present situation at the expence of the crown, about 1678, by an order from the Earl of Danby, afterwards Duke of Leeds. The pedestal was made by Mr. Grinlin Gibbons. Le Soeur had a son Isaac who was buried Nov. 29, 1630, at Great St. Bartholomew's. The father lived in the close.

ENOCH WYAT

carved two figures on the water stairs of Somerset-house, and a statue of Jupiter. And he altered and covered the King's statues, which during the troubles were thrust into Whitehall-garden, and which, it seems, were too heathenishly naked to be exposed to the inflammeable eyes of that devout generation.

ZACHARY TAYLOR

lived near Smithfield, was a furveyor and carver to the King, as he is called in a book

book belonging to the board of works in 1631. In 1637 he is mentioned for carving the frames of the pictures in the cross-gallery at Somerset-house at two shillings and two-pence per soot. He carved some things too at Wilton. Mr. Davis of the Tennis-court at Whitehall had a good portrait of Taylor with a compass and square in his hands.

JOHN OSBORN

was another carver of that time: Lord Oxford had a large head in relievo on tortoife-shell of Frederic Henry Prince of Orange; and these words, Joh, Osborn, Angl. Amstelod. secit, 1626.

MARTIN JOHNSON

was a celebrated engraver of seals, and lived at the same time with Thomas and Abraham Simon, the medallists. He was a rival of the former, who used puncheons for his graving, which Johnson never did, calling Simon a puncher, not a graver.

Johnson

^{*} One Bowden, a captain of the trained-bands, was another carver at Wilton, I believe, at the same time with Taylor.

Johnson besides painted landscapes from nature, selecting the most beautifull views of England, which he executed, it is said, with much judgment, freedom and warmth of colouring. His works are scarce. He died about the beginning of the reign of James II.

GREEN,

a seal-cutter, is only mentioned in a letter † to the Lord Treasurer from Lord Strafford, who says he had paid him one hundred pounds, for the seals of Ireland, but which were cut in England.

CHRISTIAN VAN VIANEN.‡

As there was no art which Charles did not countenance, the chasers and embossers of plate were among the number of the protected at court. The chief was Vianen, whose works are greatly commended by Ashmole. || Several pieces of plate of his

^{*} English School.

⁺ Strafford papers, June 9, 1633.

[†] He was of Nuremberg. See Wren's Parentalia, p. 136.

^{||} Order of the Garter, p. 492.

defign were at Windfor, particularly two large gilt water-pots, which cost 235 l. two candlesticks weighing 471 ounces; on the foot of one of them was chased Christ preaching on the mount; on the other, the parable of the lost sheep; and two covers for a bible and common-prayer book, weighing 233 ounces; the whole amounting to 3580 ounces, and cofting 1564 l. were in the year 1639, when the last parcels were delivered, presented as offerings by his majesty to the chapel of St. George. But in 1642 captain Foy broke open the treasury, and carried away all these valuable curiofities, as may be seen more at large in Dugdale. An agreement was made with the Earl-marshal, Sir Francis Windebank, and Sir Francis Crane, for plate to be wrought for the King at twelve shillings per ounce, and before the month of June 1637, he had finished nine pieces. Some of these I suppose were the above-mentioned: others were gilt, for Vianen complained that by the expence of the work, and the treble-gilding, he was a great loser, and desired to be confidered. The defigns themselves were thought fo admirable, as to be preserved in the royal collection. King Charles had befides

fides four plates chased with the story of Mercury and Argus. * Mr. West has two oval heads in alto relievo fix inches high of Charles and his Queen, with the initial letters of the workman's name, C. V. Lond. The Duke of Northumberland, besides other pieces of plate by him, has a falver by Van Vianen with huntings on the border, well defigned, but coarfely executed. That falver was bequeathed to Charles Duke of Somerfet by the widow of Earl Algernon High Admiral, whose seal, admirably cut by Simon, the Duke has also. The Earl of Exeter has a bason and ewer (bought at the fale of the same Duke of Somerset) with the name of C. Van Vianen 1632 at bottom of the ewer. There were others of the name. I do not know how related to him. The + King had the portrait of a Venetian captain by Paul Vianen; and the offering ‡ of the wife men by Octavian Vianen. There is a print of a head of Adam Van Vianen, painted by Jan. Van Aken, and etched by | Paul

^{*} Vanderdort's catal. p. 74.

[†] Ib. p. 137.

^{. ‡} lb. p. 155.

Mr. Pennant mentions a piece of emboffed plate exhibiting the refurrection, inscribed P. V. 1605. Perhaps the father of these artists was named Paul.

Vianen,

Vianen, above-mentioned. Christian Vianen had a very good disciple,

FRANCIS FANELLI,

a Florentine, who chiefly practifed casting in metal, and though inferior to Le Soeur, was an artist that did credit to the King's taste. Vanderdort mentions in the royal collection a little figure of a Cupid fitting on a horse running, by Fanelli, and calls him the one-eyed Italian. The figures of Charles I. and his Queen in niches in the quadrangle of St. John's college Oxford were cast by him, and are well designed. They were the gift of Archbishop Laud, and were buried for fecurity in the civil war. William Duke of Newcastle was a patron of Fanelli, and bought many of his works, still at Welbeck; particularly a head in brass of Prince Charles. 1640; with the founder's name behind the pedestal, Fr. Fanellius, Florentinus, sculptor magn. Brit. regis. And several figures in finall brass; as, St. George with the dragon dead; another combating the dragon; two horses grazing; four others in different attitudes; a Cupid and a Turk, each on horfeback, and a centaur with a woman. By the

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fame hand, or Le Soeur's, are, I conclude, the three following curious bufts, in bronze: a head of Edward Lord Herbert of Chirbury, the Author, in the poffession of the Earl of Powis: and two different of the Lady Venetia Digby, wife of Sir Kenelm. Behind the best of them, on which the point-lace of her handkerchief is well expressed, is written this tender line, "Uxorem vivam amare voluptas, defunctam religio." One of these was probably saved from her monument. See before p. 160. Fanelli published two books of designs of architecture, fountains, vases, &c. One confifts of fourteen plates in folio, no dare, The other in twenty-one leaves was published by Van Merle at Paris 1661, engraved, as Vertue thought, by Faithorne, who was about that time in France. Fanelli had a scholar, called John Bank, who was living

THEODORE ROGIERS

in 1713.

is mentioned by Vanderdort, * as the chafer of five square plates of silver with poetic stories in the King's collection; and he

^{*} Page 73, 74.

made an ewer from a delign of Rubens, mentioned in the life of that painter. He must not be confounded with William Rogers an Englishman, who engraved the titlepage to John Linschoten's collection of voyages to the East Indies.

I shall now set down what little I have to say of the medallists of King Charles. Briot has been mentioned under the preceding reign: He and T. Simon, his disciple, possessed the royal favour till the beginning of the troubles, when Simon falling off to the parliament, * a new medallist was employed on the sew works executed for the King during the remainder of his life; his name was

THOMAS RAWLINS.

The first work by which he was known to the public was of a nature very foreign from

* I have already referred the reader to Vertue's account of the two Simons and their works, which he intended as a part of this history of the arts, which is too long to transcribe here, and which would be mangled by an abridgment. Abraham Simon, one of the brothers, a man of a very singular character, had fancied that the Queen of Sweden was in love with him, and at last had an ambition of being a bishop.

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his profession; in 1640 he wrote a play called The Rebellion, * and afterwards a Comedy, called Tom Effence. + He was appointed engraver to the mint, now become ambulatory, by patent in 1648; having in the preceding year while the King was at Oxford struck a medal on the action of Keinton-field. Under the date on the reverse is the letter R. sideways. # The next year he struck another, after many offers of peace had been made by the King and been rejected; on the reverse are a sword and a branch of laurel; the legend, in utrumque paratus. The letter R. under the bust of the King. In 1644 he made a large oval medal, stamped in silver, with the effigies of a man holding a coin in his hand, and this inscription, Guliel. Parkhurst Eq. aurat. custos Camb. et monet. totius Angliae 1623. Oxon. 1644. R sculps.

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See Langbaine, p. 117. Subjoined to a book called Goodfriday, being meditations on that day, printed in 1648, is a collection of poems called Calanthe; by T. R. who by the prefentation-book Mr. Oldys found was our Thomas Rawlins.

[†] V. notes to Dryden's poems published in 4 volumes 1760. p. lxxxii. vol. i.

[‡] Evelyn, p. ili, No. 32.

I take for granted this Mr. Parkhurst had been either a patron or relation of Rawlins, or one cannot conceive why he should have gone back twenty-one years to commemorate an obscure person, so little connected with the fingular events of the period when it was struck. This medal was in the collection of Sir Hans Sloane, and is now in the museum, as was and is, an oval piece of gold of Charles II. the reverse a ship; better workmanship than the preceding. There is but one piece more certainly known for his, a cast in lead, thus inscribed, Rob. Bolles de Scampton in com-Lincol. Baronet; under the shoulder T. Rawlins F. 1665. There might be, and probably were, other works of his hand, to which in prudence he did not set his name. Such is the bold medalion of Archbishop Laud, struck in 1644. He was employed by the crown 'till 1670, when he died. There is a print of his wife, with this inscription; Dorothea Narbona uxor D. Thomae Rawlins supremi sculptoris sigilli Carol. I. et Carol. II. D. G. magn. Brit. Franc. et Hiber. regum: In Fleckno's works published in 1653 is " A poem on that excellent cymelist

Painters in the Reign of Charles I. 259 cymelist or sculptor in gold and precious stones, &c. Tho. Rawlins."

JOHN VARIN or WARIN

was an eminent medallist in France, but appears by some works to have been in England, at least to have been employed by English; there are four such pieces in the collection of Mr. West; the first, a large madalion cast, Guil. fil. Rob. Ducy mil. et baronet. aetat. suae 21, 1626. Another, a cast medal of Philip Howard S. R. E. Card. Norfolk. Endymion Porter aetat. 48, 1635. And Margareta, uxor, aet. 25, 1633. I have a good medal of Cardinal Richelieu by Warin, who died in 1675, as I learn from a jetton of him by Dacier. Warin was exceedingly fond of money, and having forced his daughter, who was beautifull, to marry a rich and deformed officer of the revenue, she poisoned herself a few days after the wedding, faying, "I must perish, since my father's avarice would have it fo." V. Lettres de Guy Patin; and Recreations histor. vol. i. p. 75. 1768.

The last artist that I have to produce of this period, but the greatest in his profession R 2 that

that has appeared in these kingdoms, and so great, that in that reign of arts we scarce know the name of another architect, was

INIGO JONES,

who, if a table of fame like that in the Tatler, were to be formed for men of real and indifputable genius in every country, would fave England from the difgrace of not having her reprefentative among the arts. She adopted Holbein and Vandyck, the borrowed Rubens, she produced Inigo Jones. Vitruvius drew up his Grammar, Palladio showed him. the practice, Rome displayed a theatre worthy. of his emulation, and King Charles was. ready to encourage, employ, and reward his talents. This is the history of Inigo Jones as a genius. The particulars of his life have been often written, and therefore I shall run. them over very briefly; adding fome less known minutiae [which, I fear, are the characteristics of these volumes and some catalogue of his works.

He was born about 1572, the for of a cloth-worker, and by the most probable accounts, bound apprentice to a joiner, but even in that obscure situation, the brightness.

ness of his capacity burst forth so strongly. that he was taken notice of by one of the great Lords at court; some say, it was the Earl of Arundel; the greater * number that it was William Earl of Pembroke; though against that opinion there is, at least, a negative evidence, which I shall mention prefently. By one of these Lords, Inigo was sent to Italy to study landscape-painting, to which his inclination then pointed, and for which that he had a talent, appears by a small piece preferved at Chiswick: the colouring is very indifferent, but the trees freely and masterly imagined. He was no fooner at Rome, than he found himself in his sphere. He felt that nature had not formed him to decorate cabinets, but defign palaces. He dropped the pencil, and conceived Whitehall. In the state of Venice he faw the works of Palladio, and learned how beautifully taste may be exerted on a less theatre than the capital of an empire. How his abilities diftinguished themfelves in a fpot where they certainly had no opportunity to act, † we are not told, though

^{*} Among whom is Loyd in his Memoires, p. 577.

⁺ Though no building at Venice is attributed to Inigo, the palace and a front of a church at Leghorn are faid to be defigned by him.

it would not be the least curious part of his history; certain it is, that on the strength of his reputation at Venice, Christian IV. invited him to Denmark and appointed him his architect; but on what buildings he was employed in that country we are yet to learn. James I. found him at Copenhagen, and Queen Anne took him in the quality of her architect to Scotland. He ferved Prince Henry in the fame capacity, and the place of furveyor-general of the works was granted to him in reversion. On the death of that Prince, with whom at least all his lamented qualities did not die, Jones travelled once more to Italy, and affifted by ripeness of judgment perfected his tafte. To the interval between those voyages I should be inclined to affign those buildings of Inigo, which are less pure, and border too much upon that bastard style, which one calls King James's Gothic. Inigo's designs of that period are not Gothic, but have a littleness of parts and a weight of ornaments, with which the revival of the Grecian taste was encumbered, and which he shook off in his grander defigns. 'The furveyor's place fell and he returned to England, and as if architecture was not all he had learned at Rome, with with an air of Roman disinterestedness he gave up the profits of his office, which he found extremely in debt, and prevailed on the comptroller and paymaster to imitate his example, 'till the whole arrears were cleared.

In the reign of James I find a payment by a warrant from the council to Inigo Jones, Thomas Baldwin, William Portington and George Weale, officers of his majesty's works, for certain scaffolds and other works by them made, by the command of the Lord Chamberlain, against the arraignment of the Earl of Somerset and the Countess his Lady. The expence was twenty pounds.

In the Foedera * is a commission to the Earl of Arundel, Inigo Jones and several others, to prevent building on new soundations within two miles of London and palace of Westminster.

In 1620 he was employed in a manner very unworthy of his genius. King James set him upon discovering, that is, guessing, who were the founders of Stone-henge, His

* Vol. xviii. p. 97. See also in the Strafford papers fome letters of Mr. Garrard which contain an account of proceedings under that commission, by virtue of which twenty newly erected houses in St. Martin's-lane were pulled down.

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ideas were all romanized; confequently his partiality to his favorite people, which ought rather to have prevented him from charging them with that mass of barbarous clumsiness, made him conclude it a Roman Tem-It is remarkable that whoever has treated of that monument, has bestowed it on whatever class of antiquity he was peculiarly fond of; and there is not a heap of stones in these Northern countries, from which nothing can be proved, but has been made to depose in favour of some of these fantastic hypotheses. Where there was so much room for visions, the Phoenicians could not avoid coming in for their share of the foundation; and for Mr. Toland's part, he discovered a little stone-henge in Ireland, built by the Druidess Gealcopa, (who does not know the Druidess Gealcopa?) who lived at Inisoen in the county of Donnegal. *

In the same year Jones was appointed one of the commissioners for the repair of St. Paul's, but which was not commenced 'till the year 1633, when Laud, then Bishop of London, laid the first stone and Inigo the fourth. In the restoration of that cathedral

[•] See a summary of this controversy in the life of Inigo Jones in the Biographia Britannica.

he made two capital faults. He first renewed the sides with very bad Gothic, and then added a Roman portico, magnificent and beautifull indeed, but which had no affinity with the ancient parts that remained, and made his own Gothic appear ten times heavier. He committed the same error at Winchester, thrusting a screen in the Roman or Grecian taste into the middle of that cathedral. Jones indeed was by no means successfull when he attempted Gothic. The chapel of Lincoln's inn has none of the characteristics of that architecture. The cloyster beneath seems oppressed by the weight of the building above, *

The authors of the life of Jones place the erection of the banquetting-house in the reign of King Charles; but, as I have shown from the accounts of Nicholas Stone, it was begun in 1619, and finished in two years—a

^{*} In Dugdale's Origines Judiciales, p. 34, is an actount of the building of that chapel from a defign of Inigo. The first proposal of building it was in 1609, but it was retarded 'till about 1617. The charge was estimated at two thousand pounds. It was finished in five years, and consecrated on Ascension day 1623 by the bishop of London, Dr. Donne preaching the sermon.

finall part of the pile, deligned for the palace of our Kings; but so compleat in itself. that it stands a model of the most pure and beautifull taste. Several plates of the intended palace of Whitehall have been given, but, I believe, from no finished defign. The four great sheets are evidently made up from general hints, nor could fuch a fource of invention and taste, as the mind of Inigo, ever produce so much fameness. The strange kind of cherubims on the towers at the end are prepofterous ornaments, and whether of Inigo or not, bear no relation to the rest. The great towers in the front are too near, and evidently borrowed from what he had feen in Gothic, not in Roman buildings. The circular court is a picturefque thought, but without meaning or utility. The whole fabric however was so glorious an idea, that one forgets for a moment, in the regret for it's not being executed, the confirmation of our liberties obtained by a melancholy scene that passed before the windows of that very banquetting-house.

In 1623 he was employed at Somersethouse, where a chapel was to be fitted up for the Infanta, the intended bride of the Prince.

Prince. * The chapel is still in being. The front to the river, part only of what was defigned, and the water-gate, were erected afterwards on the designs of Inigo; as was the gate at York-stairs.

Upon the accession of Charles he was continued in his posts under both King and Queen. His see as surveyor was eight shillings and four-pence per day, with an allowance of forty-six pounds a year for houserent, besides a clerk, and incidental expences. What greater rewards he had are not upon record. Considering the havot made in offices and repositories during the war, one is glad of being able to recover the smallest notices.

During the prosperous state of the King's affairs, the pleasures of the court were carried on with much taste and magnissicence. Poetry, painting, music, and architecture, were all called in to make them rational amusements; and I have no doubt but the celebrated festivals of Louis XIV. were

* Sir H. Bourgchier in a letter to archbishop Usher, dated July 14, 1623, says, "The new chapel for the Infanta goes on in building." There was another chapel erected for her at St. James's, of which Don Carlos Colonna laid the first stone. V. Rushworth.

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copied from the shows exhibited at Whitehall, in it's time the most polite court in Europe. Ben Johnson was the laureat; Inigo Jones, the inventor of the decorations: Laniere and Ferabosco composed the simphonies; the King, the Queen, and the young nobility danced in the interludes. We have accounts of many of these entertainments, called masques: They had been introduced by Anne of Denmark. I shall mention those in which Tones was concerned.

Hymenaei, or folemnities of masque and barriers, performed on the twelfth-night 1606, upon occasion of the marriage of Robert Earl of Essex, and the Lady Frances daughter of the Earl of Suffolk; at court; by Ben Johnson. Master Alphonso Ferabosco sung; master Thomas Giles made and taught the dances.

Tethys's festival, a masque, presented on the creation of Henry Prince of Wales, June 5, 1610. The words by S. Daniel, the scenery contrived and described by master Inigo Iones. This was called the Queen's wake. Several of the Lords and Ladies acted in it. Daniel owns that the machinery, and contrivance and ornaments of

the scenes made the most conspicuous part of the entertainment.

February 16, 1613, a masque at Whitehall on the nuptials of the Palsgrave and the Princess Elizabeth, invented and fashioned by our kingdom's most artfull and ingenious architect Inigo Jones; digested and writtenby the ingenious poet, George Chapman.*

Jones had dabled in poetry himself: there is a copy of verses by him prefixed to Coryat's Crudities, among many others by the wits of that age, who all affected to turn Coryat's book into ridicule, but which at least is not so foolish as their verses.

Pan's anniversary, a masque at court before King James I. 1625. Inventors Inigo. Jones and Ben Johnson.

Love's Triumph, 1630, by the King and nobility; the same inventors.

Chlorida, the Queen's masque at court, 1630. The same.

Albion's triumph, a masque presented at

* Chapman was an intimate friend of Jones, and in. 1616 dedicated his translation of Musaeus "To the most generally ingenious and learned architect of his time, Inigo Jones, Esq; surveyor of his majesty's works." See Wood's Athenae, p. 591. Jones made the monument for Chapman in the church-yard of St., Gyles.

court by the King's Majesty and his Lords, on twelfth-night, 1631; by Inigo and John-son.

The temple of love, a masque at White-hall, presented by the Queen and her Ladies, on Shrove-tuesday, 1634, by Inigo Jones, surveyor, and William Davenant.

Coelum Britannicum, a masque at Whitehall in the banquetting-house on Shrovetuesday-night; the inventors, Thomas Carew, Inigo Jones.

A masque presented by Prince Charles September 12, 1636, after the King and Queen came from Oxford to Richmond.

Britannia triumphans, a masque presented at Whitehall by the King and his Lords on twelfth-night 1637.

Salmacida Spolia, a masque presented by the King and Queen at Whitehall on Tuesday January 21, 1639. The invention, ornaments, scenes and apparitions, with their descriptions, were made by Inigo Jones, surveyor-general of his majesty's works; what was spoken or sung, by William Davenant, her majesty's servant.

Love's mistress, or the Queen's masque, three times presented before their Majesties at the Phoenix in Drury-lane, 1640. T.

Heywood

Heywood gives the highest commendation of Inigo's part in this performance.

Lord Burlington had a folio of the defigns for these solemnities, by Inigo's own hand, consisting of habits, masks, scenes, &c.

The harmony of these triumphs was a little interrupted by a war that broke out between the composers, Inigo and Ben; in which whoever was the aggressor, the turbulent temper of Johnson took care to be most in the wrong. Nothing exceeds the grossness of the language that he poured out, except the badness of the verses that were the vehicle. There he fully exerted all that brutal abuse which his cotemporaries were willing to think wit, because they were afraid of it; and which only serves to shew the arrogance of the man, who prefumed to fatirize Iones and rival Shakespeare. With the latter indeed he had not the smallest pretentions to be compared, except in having fometimes written absolute nonsense. Johnfon translated the ancients, Shakespeare transfused their very soul into his writings.

Another person who seems to have borne much resentment to Jones was Philip Earl of Pembroke; * in the Harleian library was

^{*} R. Symondes calls him, the bawling coward.

an edition of Stone-henge which formerly belonged to that Earl, and the margins of which were full of strange notes written by him, not on the work, but on the author or any thing elfe. I have fuch another common-place book, if one may call it fo, of Earl Philip, the life of Sir Thomas More. In the Stonehenge are memorandums, jokes, witticisms and abuse on several persons, particularly on Cromwell and his daughters. and on Inigo, whom his Lordship calls, Iniquity Jones; and fays, he had 16000% a year for keeping the King's houses in repair. This might be exaggerated, but a little supplies the want I have mentioned of any record of the rewards bestowed on so great a man. It is observable that the Earl who does not spare reflections on his architect, never objects to him his having been maintained in Italy by Earl William; nor does Webb in his preface to the Stone-henge, though he speaks of Inigo's being in Italy, fay a word of any patron that fent him thither. Earl Philip's refentment to Jones was probably occasioned by some disagreement while the latter was employed at Wilton. There he built that noble front, and a grotto at the end of the water. Wilton is one of the

the principal objects in a history of the arts, and belies lettres. Sir Philip Sidney wrote his Arcadia there for his fifter; Vandyck drew many of the race, Holbein and Inigo Jones imagined the buildings, Earl Thomas compleated the collection of pictures and affembled that throng of statues, and the last Earl Henry has shown by a bridge designed by himself, that had Jones never lived, Wilton might yet have been a villa worthy of ancient Rome.

The works of Inigo are not scarce. though some that bear his name were productions of his fcholars: fome indeed neither of the one nor the other. Albins in Effex, I should attribute to the last class, though always ascribed to Inigo. If he had any hand in it, it must have been during his first profession, and before he had seen any good buildings. The house is handsome, has large rooms and rich cielings, but all entirely of the King James's Gothic. Pishiobury in Hertfordshire is said to have been built by him for Sir Walter Mildmay. At Woburn is a grotto-chamber, and fome other small parts by him, as there is of his hand at Thorney-abbey, and a fummerhouse at Lord Barrington's in Berkshire. Vol. II. The

The middle part of each end of the quadrangle at St. John's Oxford is ascribed to him. The supporters of the royal arms are strangely crouded in over the niches; but I have feen instances of his over-doing ornament. Charlton-house in Kent is another of his supposed works; but some critics have thought that only the great gate at the entrance and the colonades may be of his hand. The cabinet at Whitehall for the King's pictures was built by him, but we have no drawing of it. At St. James's he designed the Queen's chapel. Surgeon'shall is one of his best works; and of the most admired, the arcade of Covent-garden and the church; two structures, of which I want taste to see the beauties: In the arcade there is nothing remarkable; the pilasters are as errant and homely stripes as any plaifterer would make. The barn-roof over the portico of the church strikes my eyes with as little idea of dignity or beauty * as it could

In justice to Inigo one must own, that the defect is not in the architect but in the order—who ever saw a beautifull Tuscan building? Would the Romans have chosen that order for a temple? Mr. Onslow, the late speaker, told me an anecdote that corroborates my opinion of this building. When the Earl of Bedford

could do if it covered nothing but a barn. The expence of building that church was 4500 l. Ambresbury in Wiltshire was defigned by him, but executed by his fcholar Webb, who married a cousin-german of Jones. Chevening is another house ascribed to him, but doubtfull; Gunnersbury near Brentford was certainly his; the portico is too large, and engroffes the whole front except a fingle window at each end. The stair-case and salon are noble, but destroy the rest of the house; the other chambers are small, and crouded by vast chimneypieces, placed with an Italian negligence in any corner of the room. Lindsey-house * in Lincoln's-inn-fields has a chaster front, but is not better disposed for the apartments. In 1618 a special commission was issued to the Lord Chancellor, the Earls of Worcester, Pembroke, Arundel, and others, to

fent for Inigo, he told him he wanted a chapel for the parishioners of Covent-garden, but added, he would not go to any considerable expence; in short, said he, I would not have it much better than a barn—Well! then, replied Jones, you shall have the handsomest barn in England.

* Jones was one of the first that observed the same gradual diminution of pilasters as in pillars. Lindleyhouse owes it's chief grace to this singularity.

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plant, and reduce to uniformity Lincoln'sinn-fields, * as it shall be drawn by way of map or ground-plot, by Inigo Jones; furveyor general of the works. Coleshill, in Berkshire, the seat of Sir Matthew Pleydell, built in 1650, and Cobham-hall in Kent, were his. He was employed to rebuild Castle-Ashby, and finished one front, but the civil war interrupted his progress there and at Stoke-park in Northampton-Thire. Shaftsbury-house, now the Londonlying-in hospital, on the east side of Aldersgate-street, is a beautifull front; at Wing, feven miles from his present seat at Ethorp in Buckinghamshire, Sir William Stanhope pulled down a house built by Inigo. The front to the garden of Hinton St. George in Somersetshire, the seat of Earl Poulet; and the front of Brympton, formerly the manfion of Sir Philip Sydenham, were from deligns of Jones; as Chilham-castle, and the tower of the church at Staines, where Inigo fometime lived, are faid to be. So is

^{*} That square is laid out with a regard to so trisling a circumstance, as to be of the exact dimensions of one of the pyramids. This would have been admired in those agos, when the keep at Kenelworth-castle was erected in the says of a horse-setter, and the Escurial in the shape of St. Laurence's gridiron.

a very curious work, if really by him, as I know no other performance of his in that kind, a bridge at Gwydder in Wales, on the. estate of the Duke of Ancaster. Some al-, terations and additions he made at Sion. At Oatlands remains a gate of the old palace, but removed to a little distance, and repaired, with the addition of an inscription, by the present Earl of Lincoln. The Grange, the feat of the Lord Chancellor Henley in-Hampshire, is entirely of this master. . It is not a large house, but by far one of the bestproofs of his tafte. The hall which opens to a small vestibule with a cupola, and the staircase adjoining, are beautifull models of the purest and most classic antiquity. The gate of Beaufort-garden at Chelsea, designed by Iones, was purchased by Lord Burlington and transported to Chiswick, where in a temple are fome wooden feats with lions and other animals for arms, not of his most delicate imagination, brought from Tart-hall, He drew a plan for a palace at Newmarket, but not that wretched hovel that stands there at prefent. * The last, and one of the most beautifull

^{*} In Hasted's hist. of Kent, vol. ii. p. 783, it is said that he built the front of Lee's court; and Judde House, p. 797. As in the concise account of some natural curiofities

beautifull of his works, that I shall mention, is the Queen's house at Greenwich. The first idea of the hospital is said to have been taken by Webb from his papers. The rest of his designs, and his smaller works, as chimnies and cielings, &c. may be seen in the editions of Kent, Ware, Vardy, and Campbell. *

Dr. Clarke of Oxford had Jones's Palladio with his own notes and observations in Italian, which the doctor bequeathed to Worcester college. The Duke of Devonshire has another with the notes in Latin, Lord Burlington had a Vitruvius noted by him in the same manner. The same Lord had his head by Dobson. At Houghton, it is by Vandyck. Hollar engraved one of them. Villamena made a print of him while

riosities in the environs of Malham Craven, 1786, Appendix, p. 5, Storyhurst, the seat of Thomas Weld, Esq; is said to have been designed by Inigo for Sir Nich, Sherborne.

• In Hutchins's history of Dorsetshire vol. ii. p. 461, there is a plate of a handsome gateway at Cliston Maubank, which is ascribed to Inigo, and, I believe, justly. There is simplicity and proportion, niches with shells, and a Grecian entablature, though mixed with many traces of the bad style that preceded him. He seems to have enticed the age by degrees into true taste.

he was in Italy. Among the Strafford papers there is a letter from Lord Cottington to the Lord deputy fending him a memorial from Inigo, relating to the procurement of marble from Ireland.

Inigo tafted early of the misfortunes of his master: He was not only a favorite * but a Roman catholic. In 1646 he paid 5451. for his delinquency and sequestration. Whether it was before or after this fine I know not, that he and Stone buried their joint stock of ready money in Scotland-yard; but an order being published to encourage the informers of such concealments, and sour persons being privy to the spot where the money was hid, it was taken up and reburied in Lambeth-marsh.

Grief, misfortunes, and age, terminated his life. He died at Somerfet-house July 21, 1651, and on the 26th of the same month was buried in the church of St. Bennet's Paul's-wharf, where a monument † erected

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^{*} In Vanderdort's catalogue is mention of a picture of Stenwyck bought by Inigo for the King, p. 15, and of a waxen picture of Henry VIII. and a drawing of Prince Henry presented by him p. 75.

[†] The arms on the frame of his picture, when bought by Sir Robert Walpole, were, per bend sinister ermine

to his memory was destroyed in the fire of London.

I here conclude this long chapter on the reign of King Charles. The admirers of that Prince will not think, I hope, that I have stinted them in anecdotes of their favorite monarch.

The next scarce deserves the name of a chapter; it contains the few names we find of

and ermine, a lion rampant, or, within a border engrailed of the fame.

ASECDOTES OF PAINTING, See

CHAP. III.

ARTISTS during the Interrec-

OF these the first in rank, if not in merrit, was

GENERAL LAMBERT,

who, we are told by the author of the English School, was a great encourager of painting and a good performer in flowers; some of his works were at the Duke of Leeds's at Wimbleton; and it was supposed that he received instructions from Baptist Gaspars, whom he remained in his service. The General's son John Lambert painted portraits; There is a medal of the General by Simon.

ROBERT WALKER,

a portrait-painter, cotemporary with Vandyck, but most remarkable for being the principal painter employed by * Cromwell,

whose

^{*} There is a capital half length of General Moncke at the Counters of Montrath's Twickenham park. I do not know the painter, but probably it was Walker.

whose picture he drew more than once. One of those portraits represented him with a gold chain about his neck, to which was appendent a gold medal with three crowns, the arms of Sweden and a pearl; fent to him by Christina in return for his picture by Cooper, on which Milton wrote a Latin epigram. This head by Walker is in the possession of Lord Mountford at Horseth in Cambridgeshire, and was given to the late Lord by Mr. Commissary Greaves, who found it in an Inn in that County, * Another piece contained Cromwell and Lambert together: This was in Lord Bradford's collection. A third was purchased for the Great Duke, whose agent having orders to procure one, and meeting with this in the hands of a female relation of the protector, offered to purchase it; but being refused, and continuing his follicitation, to put him off, she asked 500 l.—and was paid it. It was on one of these portraits that Elsum wrote his epigram which is no better than the rest. . .

By lines o'th face and language of the eye,
We find him thoughtfull, resolute and fly,

From one of R. Symondes's poeket-books

^{*} Another is at the Earl of Effex's at Cashiobury.

in which he has fet down many directions in painting that had been communicated to him by various artists, he mentions some from Walker, and fays, the latter received ten pounds for the portrait of Mr. Thomas Knight's wife to the knees; that she sat thrice to him, four or five hours at a time. That for two half lengths of philosophers, which he drew from poor old men, he had. ten pounds each in 1652; that he paid twenty-five pounds for the Venus putting on her fmock (by Titian) which was the King's, and valued it at fixty pounds, as he was told by Mrs. Boardman, who copied it; a paintress of whom I find no other * mention; and that Walker copied Titian's famous Venus, which was purchased by the Spanish Embasfador, and for which the King had been offered 2500 1. He adds, Walker cries up De Critz for the best painter in London.

Walker had for some time an apartment in Arundel-house and died a little before the restoration; his own † portrait is at Leicester-house, and in the picture-gallery at Ox-

^{*} He names too Loveday and Wray, equally un-

[†] There is a good print of Walker, holding a drawing, by Lombart.

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ford. Mr. Onlow has a fine whole length, fitting in a chair, of Keble keeper of the great feal in 1650 by this painter.

EDWARD MASCALL

drew another portrait of Cromwell, which the Duke of Chandos bought of one Clark, then of the age of 106, but hearty and strong, who had been summoned to London on a cause of Lord Coningsby. This man had somerly been servant of Mascall and had married his wislow, and was at that time possessed of 300 l. a year at Trewellin in Heresordshire. He had several pictures painted by Mascall. Of the latter there is an indifferent print, inscribed, Essigies Edwards Mascall, pictoris, sculpta ab exemplari propria manu depicto. James Gammon sculpsit.

HEYWOOD.

Of this person I find no mention but that in 1650 he drew the portrait of General Fair-fax, which was in the possession of Mr. Brian Fairfax. A draught from this by one James Hulet was produced to the society of Antiquaries by Mr. Peck in 1739.

PETER BLONDEAU,

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THOMAS VIOLET,

were employed by the commonwealth to coin their money, of whom and their contests see Vertue's account in his history of the works of Thomas Simon p. 17. Blondeau, after the restoration, November 3, 1662, received letters of denization, and a grant for being engineer of the mint in the tower of London, and for using his new invention for coining gold and filver with the mill and press; with the see of 100 l. per ann.

FRANCIS CARTER,

was chief clerk of the works under Inigo Jones: There is an entry in an office-book of a payment to him of 66 l.—13s.—4d. He lived in Covent-garden, and during the commonwealth was a justice of peace, and made furveyor of the Works, in which post he was continued by Oliver. He died foon after the restoration.

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At the Protector's funeral among other's walked the following persons, his officers,

The master carpenter,

Mr. Davenport, mæster joyner,

Mr. Kingwood, master carver,

Mr. Philips, master mason,

Mr. Thomas Simon, chief graver of the mint.

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* De Concessione Officii Danieli Mittens.

HARLES, by the Grace of God, &c.
To all whome these presentes shall come, Greeting;

Knowe yee that wee, haveing experience of the facultie and skill of Daniel Mittens in the art of picture draweing, of our especiall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, have given and granted, and by theise presentes, for us our heirs and succeffors, doe give and graunte unto the faid Daniel Mittens the office or place of one of our picture drawers of our chamber in ordinary, and him the faid Daniel Mittens, one of our picture drawers of the chamber of us our heires and fuccessors, do appointe constitute and ordaine by theise presentes, To have, houlde, occupy and enjoy the faid office or place unto the faid Daniel Mittens for and dureing his naturall life;

And further, of our more especiall grace and certeine knowledge and meere motion,

^{*} Rymer's Foedera vol. xviii. p. 111.

wee have given and graunted, and, by their presentes for ius out heirs and successions, doe give and graunte unto the saide Daniel Mittens for the exercising of the said office or place, the yearlie fee and allowance of twentie pounds, of lawfull money of Englande by the yeare, to have and to holde receive and enjoy the faid fee and allowance of twentie pounds by the yeare, to the faid Daniel Mittens and his affignes, for and dureing the naturall life of the faid Daniel Mittens, out of the treasure of us our heires and successors, at the receipte of the exchequer of us our heires and fuccelfors, by the hands of the Treasurer and Chamberlaines of us our heirs and fucces-Fors there for the tyme being, att the foure usuall feasts of the yeare, that is to say, at the feafts of the Nativitie of Saint John Baptist, Sr. Michaell the Archangell, the Byrth of our Lord God, and the Annuntiation of the bleffed Virgin Mary by even portions to be paid, the first payment thereof to begin from the feafte of the Annuntiation of the bleffed Virgin Mary last past before the date hereof, together with all and all manner of other fees, profitts, advantages, rights, liberties, commodities and emolu-

emoluments whatfoever to the faid office of place belonginge or of righte apperrayneing, or which hereafter maie anie way be due belonging or apperteyneing;

Wherefore our will and pleasure is, and wee doe by theife presentes, for us our heires and fucceffors, commaunde and authorize the faide Treasurer, Chauncellor, Undertreasurer and Barons of the said Exchequer for the tyme being, and all other the officers and ministers of the saide courte, and of the receipte there for the tyme beinge, that they, and every of them, to whom itt doth or shall appertaine, doe not only upon fighte of theife our letters pattents, or the inrollment of them, from tyme to tyme pay and deliver, or cause to be payed and delivered unto the faid Daniel Mittens and his assignes the saide yearlie see and allowance of twenty pounds as the same shall growe due, but doe alsoe give allowance thereof accordinge to the true intente and meaning of theife presentes: And theife our letters pattents, or the inrollment thereof, shall be yearlie and from tyme to tyme, as well to the Treasurer and Chamberlaines of our said exchequer, as to all other the officers and ministers of us our heires and successors, to · Vor. II. whome

whome it shall apperteine, a sufficient warrant and dischardge in this behalfe;

. Although express mention, &c.

In Witnes, &c.

Witnes our felf at Westminster, the fowerth day of June.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Pro Daniele Myttens.

REX, quarto die Junii, concessit Danieli Myttens the office of one of the picture drawers of the King's chamber during his lyss.

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* De concessione speciali Francisco Crane Militi.

CHARLES, by the Grace of God, &c. To the Treasorer, Chancellor, Undertreasorer, Chamberlaines and Barons of the Exchequer, of us, our heires and successors nowe being, To the Receavor Generall of us, our heires and successors of our Duchie of Cornwall for the time being, and to all other the officers and ministers of us, our heires and successors, to whome itt shall appertaine, and to everye of them, Greeting.

Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 60.

Whereas

Whereas upon our bargaine heretofore made by ourself, with our trustie and wellbeloved fervant Sir Francis Crane Knight, for three fuits of gould tapistries by him delivered to our use, we stand indebted to the faid Sir Francis Crane in the somme of six thousand poundes of lawfull money of England, for fatisfaction of which somme we are well pleased to give unto him an annuitie or yeerelie pension or allowance of one thoufand pounds for ten years, or reasonable recompence or allowance for the forbearance of the faid debte of fixe thousand poundes, if wee shall fynde cause at anie time to pay in the same; and whereas we are graciouslie pleased to contribute one thousand poundes a yeare towards the furtherance, upholding and maintenance of the worke of tapestries. lately brought into this our kingdome by the faid Sir Francis Crane, and now by him or his workmen practifed and put in use at Mortlake in our countie of Surrey:

Knowe yee that wee, as well in fatisfaction of the faid debte or fomme of fix thousand pounds, so as aforesaid mentioned to be by us oweing unto the said Sir Francis Crane, as in performance of our royal intention, pleasure and purpose in the payment of the T. 2

faid contribution for the better maintenance of the faid woorke of tapestries, of our especial grace, certeyne knowledge and meere motion, have given and graunted, and by theis presents, for us, our heirs and succesfors, doe give and graunte unto the said Sir Francis Crane one annuitie or yeerely pension of two thousand pounds of lawfull money of England by the yere,

To have, houlde, perceive, receive and take the faid annuitie or yeerely pension of two thousand pounds of lawfull money of England by the vere, to the said Sir Francis Crane, his executors or affignes, from the feaste of the Byrth of our Lord God laste paste before the date hereof, for and dureing the terme, and untill the full ende and terme of ten yeares from thence next ensueing, fullie to be compleate and ended, To be perceived, had and taken at and from the handes of the Receivor Generall of us. our heirs and fuecessors for the tyme-being of our faid Duchie of Cornwall, our of the rentes, fomme and fommes of money referved, due and payable, or hereafter to be due and payable unto us, our heirs and fuccest fors, for or in respect of the preemption of tynne within the counties of Cornwall and Devon.

Devon, and which shall from tyme to tyme be paid unto and be remayning in the handes of the faid receivor for the tyme being, or at the receipt of the Exchequer of us, our heires and fuccessors, by the hands of the Treasorer, Undertreasorer and Chamberlaines of the faid Exchequer for the tyme being or some of them, out of the treasure of us, our heires and fuccessors from tyme to tyme remayneing in their or any of their handes, at the feastes of the Nativitie of St. John Baptiste, and the Byrth of our Lord God, by even and equal portions to be payde, the firste paymente thereof to be made at the feaste of the Nativitie of Sr. John Baptiste next ensueing the date of their presentes; Wherefore our will and pleasure' is, and wee do hereby for us, our heires and fuccessors straightlie charge and commaund, the Receivor Generall of us, our heires and fuecessors of the faid Duehie of Cornwall for the tyme being, and also the Treasorer, Undertreasorer and Chamberlaynes of the Exchequer of us, our heires and successors for the tyme being, that they or fome of them, upon fight of theis our letters pattents, or the inroolment of them, doe from tyme to tyme paie and deliver, or cause to be T 3 payde

payde and delivered unto the said Sir Francis Crane, his executors or assignes, the fore-saide annuitie or yeerlie pension of two thousand poundes of laufull money of England before by these presents given and graunted, accordinge to the tenor, effecte and true intent and meaning of theis our letters pattents.

And our further will and pleasure is, and wee doe hereby, for us, our heires and fuccessors, give full power and authoritie unto, and also require and commaund, the Treasorer, Chancellor, Undertreasorer and Barons of the faid Exchequer of us, our heires and fuccessors for the tyme being, or any other our officers to whom it shall or may appertaine, that they and everie of them doe from tyme to tyme make and give allowance and defalcation unto the faid Receiver Generall for the tyme being, of his accompte and accompts to be made for the revenue within his chardge, and receipte of and for all fuch payments, fomme and fommes of money as the faid Receivor shall from tyme to tyme paie and deliver to the faid Sir Francis Crane, his executors or alfignes out of the rents, formme and fommes of money, payable or to be payable unto

us, our heires or fuccessors, for or in refpecte of the faid preemption of tynne, according to the true intente and meaning of theis presents, and theis presents or the inrollment thereof shall be as well unto the faid Receivor for the tyme being a fufficient warrant and discharge for the deliverie and payment thereof, as alfoe to the faid Treaforer, Chancellor, Undertreaforer, Chamberlaines and Barons of the Exchequer, or anie other our officers to whome itt may appertayne, for the allowance thereof accordinglie, and shall be likewise a sufficient warrant and discharge to the said Treasorer, Undertreasorer and Chamberlains of the faid Exchequer for the time being, without any further or other warrant or declaration of the pleasure of us, our heires or successors, in that behalfe to be had, procured or obteyned; Provided alwaies, and our intente and meaning is, That if wee, our heirs or fucceffors, shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter, dureing or within the faid terme of ten years, paie or cause to be paide to the faid Sir Francis Crane, his executors or affignes, at one entire payment, foe much lawfull money of England as, together with fuch fommes of money, which the faid Sir T 4 Francis

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Francis Crane, his executors or affignes shall in the meane time receive in liewe of one thousand poundes per annum, parcel of the faid annuitie of two thousand poundes per annum, intended to the said Sir Francis Crane for satisfaction of his said debte, shall make upp the full somme of six thoufand poundes for the aforesaid debte, and foe much more as the interest thereof, to be accompted after the rate of eight poundes for a hundred by the yeare shall amounte unto in the meane tyme from the date hereof. That then and from thenceforth, all further payments of the saide one thousand poundes, intended for fatisfaction of the aforesaid debte and all arrearages thereof then incurred, shall cease and determyne, but the other one thousand poundes, parcell of the faid two thousand poundes, shall contynue and remayne in force, to be ymployed for and towards the maintenance and fupportation of the faid woorke, according to our gracious intention in that behalfe, anie thing in theis presents contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And lastlie, our will and pleasure is, that their our letters pattents, or the inrollment

of them, shall be sufficient and of validitie, according to the true meaning of the same.

Although express mention, &c.

In Witnes, &c.

Witnes our self at Westminster the tenth daie of May.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

De concessione dimissionis Francisce Ducisse Richmond et Lenox et Francisco Crane.

HARLES, by the Grace of God, &c. To all to whome these presents shall come Greeting,

Whereas, our most deare and royal father, Kinge James, of blessed memory, having bene, divers yeares since, informed of the great prejudice and daily losse which his loveing subjects did sustene, by the use of private and unwarranted farthing tokens of lead, brasse and other mettale, which di-

Bymer. vol. xviii. p. 143.

vers vintners, victuallers, tapsters, chaundlers, bakers and other inferior tradefmen, were then wont to obtrude and putt upon their chapmen and customers in the buying and felling of small commodities; And finding in his royall wisdom that, besides the inconvenience and losse that these tokens brought with them to the poorer fort of people, the use of them was not without some wrong to his royall prerogative, which ought not only to authorize all forts of coyne, but whatsoever else in the nature of coyne should serve as the measure of buying and felling; Out of these considerations, which were for the preservation of his Majesties own honour and the good and benefitt of his loveing subjects, itt pleased his Majesty thereupon to appoynt and ordeyne, by lettres patents under his great feale of England, that a convenient quantity of one uniforme fort of farthinge tokens should be exactly and artificially made in copper, with his Majesties name and title thereupon, to be stamped, to be publiquely used, and to passe betweene man and man for farthings, and did fettle and establish a rechange of them into money, whereby the poorer fort of people might buy and fell with more conveniencie.

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conveniencie, and the subject in generall receive ease without losse;

Nowe,

For that itt is found by experience had of the laudable use and constant rechange of those farthing tokens of copper into money, so made by authority as aforesaid, that they are growne acceptable and pleasing to all our subjects, and of very necessary and daily use instead of single money, both for charity to the poore and for the more easie tradeing in pettic commodities,

We have thought fitt to contynue and establishe the use thereof by like letters patents, for the residue of the terme which our said royall father was pleased to graunt in that behalfe, in such manner as is hereaster specified.

Know yee therefore that wee, aswell in consideration of the premisses, as for divers other good causes and considerations us hereunto especially moveinge, of our especiall grace, certayne knowledge and meere motion, and of our prerogative royall, have given and graunted, and by these presents, for us our heires and successors, doe give and graunt unto, our right trustie and well-beloved cosen, the Lady Frances Duchesse.

Dowager

Dowager of Richmond and Lenox, and to our welbeloved servant, Sir Francis Crane Knight, their executors, administrators and affignes, full free and absolute licence, power and authority that they the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane. their executors, administrators and assignes, by themselves or any of them, or by their or any of their deputies, workmen or ferwants, shall and may, dureing the termes of yeares hereafter in these presents mentioned, make, in some convenient place at their or any of their pleasure or appointment, such a competent quantety of farthing tokens of copper as may be conveniently by them, or any of them yffued amongst the loving subjects of our heires and fuccessors, within our realmes of England and Ireland, and the domynion of Wales, or any of them, within the termes of yeares hereafter mencyoned, and the same, soe made, to utter, dispose, disperse and issue within the said realmes and domynion or any of them, according to the true meaning of these presents, at anie time within the said termes of vecres hereafter in these presents mentioned;

And our will and pleasure is, that the said farthinge tokens shall be made exactly and artesicially

arteficially of copper, by engines or instruments, haveing on the one fide two scepters crossing under one diademe, and on the other fide a harpe crowned with our title Carolus Dei Gratia Magne Brittannie, Francie et Hibernie Rex, weighing fix graines a-piece or more, at the discretion of the said Ducheffe of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators, deputies or assignes, with a privy marke from time to time to be fett uppon them, at the coyning or flamping of them, to discover the counterfeiting of any fuch like tokens by any others, which farthinge tokens wee doe hereby, for us our heires and successors, will and ordevne to passe and to be generally used, betweene man and man, as tokens for the value of farthings, within our faid realmes and domynion, in fuch manner and forme as in and by the faid former letters patents is expressed.

And further of our more ample grace, certayne knowledge and meere motion, and for the confiderations aforefaide, and to the intente that the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Craine, their executors, administrators and assignes, shall and may have and enjoy the full bene-

fitt and profitt intended unto them as by this our graunt, wee doe by these presents, for us our heires and fuccessors, straightlie prohibite and forbid all and everie person and persons whatsoever (other than the said Duchesse Dowager of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators and assignes, by themselves or their fervants or deputies) to make or counterfeite fuch our farthinge tokens of copper, or any engines or instruments in resemblance of them, or any other tokens whatfoever, or to use or utter any other farthinge tokens or other tokens whatsoever, either made or counterfeited within our faid realmes or domynion, or beyond the feas, or elfewhere, att any time after the commencement of these our letters pattents, upon paine of forfeiture of all fuch farthinge tokens or other tokens, and of all fuch engines or instruments as shall be made, used, uttered or found, contrary to the true meaning of these presents, And uppon such further paynes, penalties and imprisonments, as by the lawes and statutes of these our realmes of England or Ireland respectively, or by our prerogative royall can or may be inflicted upon them for their contempt and breach of our royall commaundcommaundment in this behalfe, the one moiety of all fuch forfeitures to be to us our heires and fucceffors, and the other moiety thereof wee doe, for us our heires and fucceffors, give and grant unto the faid Ducheffe of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane their executors, administrators and affignes, without any account to be given or rendered to us our heires or fucceffors for the fame;

And further alsoe, for the better execution of this our grant, Wee doe by these our letters patents, for us our heires and fucceffors, give and graunt unto the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators and assignes, that they, by themselves, their deputies, servants or factors, or any of them. att all tymes and from time to time dureing the termes of yeares hereby graunted, taking a constable or other officer with them, shall and may enter into any shipp, bottome, vesfell, boate, shopp, house, ware-house, or any other place whatfoever, where they, or any of them. shall have cause to make search within any of our faid realmes and domynions by water or land, aswell within liberties as without, and there to fearche and

try by all waies and meanes for all fuch counterfeit farthinge tokens, or other tokens, engynes and inftruments made for the makeing of the faid tokens, as shall be brought in from the parts beyond the seas, or found to be made within any of our said realmes and domynion contrary to the true intent and meaning and purport of these presents; And sinding any such tokens, instruments or engynes, to arrest, seize, carry away and deteyne the same to the use in these letters patents before mentioned and expressed;

To have and to hold, perceive, use, exercise and enjoye all and singular the afore-saide powers, liberties, priviledges, licences, graunts, authorities and other the premisses, unto the said Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators and assignes, from the day of the date hereof, unto the first day of August next comeing, and from thencesorth for and dureing the whole terms and tyme of seventeen yeares then next ensuing and fully to be compleat and ended.

Yielding and paying, and the faid Ducheffe of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, for themselves, their executors and administrators,

administrators, doe covenant, promise and grant, to and with us our heires and fudceffors, to yield and pay therefore yearly, unto us our heires and fuccessors, the yearly rent or fomme of one hundred marks of lawfull money of England, into the receipt of the exchequer of us our hoires and fuccessors at Westminster, at the feasts of the Nativity of St. John Baptift, and the Birth of our Lord God, or within twenty eight dayes next after the faid feaths by even and equall portions yerely to be paid dureing the termes aforefaid, the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, in the yere of our Lord God one thousand six hundred twenty-five, or within twenty eight dayes after the faid feasts:

Provided always that if itt shall happen the said yerely rent of one hundred marks, or any parte thereof, to be behind and unpaid by the space of twenty eight days next after either of the said feasts wherein the same ought to be paid as aforesaid, that then and from thenceforth this our present grant shall cease, be void and of none efvol. II.

fect, any thing in these presents contayned to the contrary notwithstanding:

And further, of our more especiall grace, certeyne knowledge and mere motion, and for the confiderations aforefaid, wee have given and graunted, and by these presents, for us our heires and fucceffors, doe give and graunt unto the faid Ducheffe of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators and assignes, all fuch profitts, gaines, benefitts and advantages as shall be, from tyme to tyme dureing the termes of yeares aforesaid, made, gotten, raised and obteyned by the makeing, iffueing or exchangeing of all fuch farthing tokens of copper in manner and forme aforefaid; To have, perceive, receive and take the faid profitt, gayne and benefitt, to be raised and made as aforesaid, to the said Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators and affignes, to their owne proper use for ever, without any account or other thing to be given or rendered to us our heires and fucceffors for the same, other than the yearly rent in and by these presents reserved, and the moiety or one halfe of the forfei-

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tures which shall happen dureing the said termes as aforesaid;

And for the better distributing and disperfing of the faid farthing tokens the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, for themselves their executors, administrators and assignes, doe covenant, promise and grant to and with us our heires and fucceffors by these presents, that they the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators and assignes, shall not onely be content and ready, dureing all the tyme hereby granted, to deliver forth the rate of one and twenty shillings in farthing tokens for every twenty shillings in sterling money, which any our loveing subjects shall be willing to give or disburse for the same, but alfoe, during the faid termes, to deliver unto any our loveing subjects that shall find themselves surcharged with more of the farthing tokens heretofore made, by the authority of the letters patents of our faid deare father, as hereafter to be made by vertue of these presents, than he can conveniently utter for his use and occasions, the somme of twenty shillings in sterling and currant moneys for every twenty one shillings in farthing tokens,

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aswell of such as have been heretofore made by the authority aforesaid, as of such as shall be made by vertue of these presents, and so after that rate for all greater or leffer fommes, at the hands of all tradefmen, in all fuch place and places where the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, administrators or affignes shall issue or utter our faid farthing tokens; And to the intent the faid takens may be brought to a more frequent and generall use for the good of our loving fubjects without any inconvenience, according to our gracious intention: our will and pleasure is, that there be from tyme to tyme a convenient quantery of the faid farthing tokens sent, and we doe hereby command and authorize the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors, deputies and assignes, from tyme to time, to fend fuch a convenient quantety of them into as many citties, burroughs corporate and markett townes within our faid realmes and domynion, as they or any of them shall conceive may be fitt for the necessary use of the said severall places, and the same to be left in the hands of some difsreet person or persons, together with sufficient meanes.

meanes for the rechange of the tokens to be entered to the citizens or inhabitants of the faid citties, borroughs corporate and markers townes and other places, and fuch other as shall be there resiant or resort thither, if cause shall require; And our pleasure and command is that the chief officers and governors, with the ministers and constitutes, borroughs corporate and markett townes, doe endeavour that the said tokens may be there dispersed and freely passe between and man for the value of farthings as before is expressed:

And further wee doe hereby straightly charge and command all and finguler majors, sheriffs, constables, head-boroughs, comptrollers, customers, searchers, waiters, and all other officers and ministers to whom it shall or may apperteyne, to be aiding and. affifting in all lawfull and convenient manner unto the faid Duchesse of Richmond and Lenox and Sir Francis Crane, their executors administrators and affignes, and their and every of their deputies, factors and fervants, in the due execution of these our letters patents upon payne of our high difpleasure, and such paynes, punishments and imprisonments as by the lawes and statutes of $F \circ$

of this our realme of England and Ireland, or by our prerogative royall, may or can be inflicted uppon them for their contempts in this behalfe:

And our further will and pleafure is, and wee doe hereby declare our intent and meaning to be, that all the farthing tokens of copper heretofore made, by vertue of the faid letters patents of our faid deare father, shall still passe and be yssued amongst our loveing subjects, within our said realmes of England and Ireland and dominion of Wales, for the value of farthings in fuch manner and forme as the same dureing the force of the faid letters patents did passe and were issued, notwithstanding the surrender and determination of the faid letters patents, under fuch priviledges, powers, provisions, cautions, forfeitures, punishments and restraints, as before in these presents were have limitted and appointed for fuch farthen tokens hereafter to be made and iffued by vertue of these presents,

Although expresse mention, &c.

In witnes, &c.

Witnes our felse att Westminster, the eleventh day of July.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Pro Francisco Crane.

REX, vicesimo primo die Julii, concessit Francisco Crane militi officium cancellarii ordinis garterii infra castrum de Windfor in comitatu Berks, una cum custodia sigillorum ejusdem ordinis durante vita.

P.S.

A Grant of the Office of Master-Mason and Architect. *

CHARLES, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all whome these presents shall come, Greeting.

Knowe yee that wee, of our especiall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, and for divers other good causes and considerations us at this present moveing, have given and graunted, and, by these presents, for us our heirs and successors, doe give and graunte to our trusty and welbeloved servaunt Nicholas Stone the office and place of our Master Mason and Archi-

* Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 675.

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teckt for all our buildings and reparations within our honor and castle of Windsor, and him the said Nicholas Stone, our said Master Mason and Architeckt for all our said buildings and reparations within our honour and castle of Windsor aforesaid, wee doe make, ordaine constitute and appointe by these presents.

To have hold execute and enjoy the faid office and place of our Master Mason and Architeckt for all our buildings and reparations within our honour and castle of Windsor aforesaid, to the said Nicholas Stone, by himselfe, or his sufficient deputy and deputies, for and dureing the terme of his naturall life;

And further, of our more ample grace, certeine knowledge and mere motion, wee have given and graunted, and by these presents, for us our heires and successors, we doe give and graunt to the said Nicholas Stone for the executeing of the said office and place, the wages and see of twelve pence of lawfull money of England by the day, in as large and ample manner as William Suthis, or any other person or persons heretofore, having executed and enjoyed the said office and place, hath had or ought to have

had and enjoyed; to have and yearely to receive the faid wages and fee of twelve pence by the daye, to the faid Nicholas Stone and his assignes, from the daye of the date of these presents, for and dureing the natural life of him the said Nicholas Stone, out of the treafure of us our heires and fuccessors, by the hands of the treasorer and chamberlaines of us our heires and fucceffors there for the time being, at the fower usuall feasts or termes of the yeare, that is to fay, at the feafts of the Nativitie of Saint John Baptist, Saint Michael the Archangell, the Birth of our Lord God, and the Annuntiation of the Bleffed Virgin Mary, by even and equall portions yearlie to be paid, together with all other profitts commodities and allowances to the same office and place due, incident or in anie wife appertayneing, in as lardge and ample manner as the faid William Suthis or any other person or persons heretofore haveing executed and enjoyed the faid office hath had, or ought to have had and enjoyed.

Although expresse mention, &c.

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Witnesse our selfe at Westminster, the one and twentieth daye of Aprill.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

APPENDIX,

Pro Nicholao Stone.

THE King, the twenty first day of Aprill, granteth to Nicholas Stone the office and place of Master Mason of all the King's buildings and reparations within the honor and castle of Windsor during his life.

P. S.

De concessione officii Abrahamo Vanderdoort.*

CHARLES, by the grace of God, &c. To all to whome, &c. Greeting.

Whereas our welbeloved Abraham Vanderdoort Esquire hath, by many chardgeable tryalls and long practice, attayned to the art, mistery, science and skill of imbossing and making of medales, great or smale, moulded or pressed, or in any other manner in gould, silver or brasse, which the former emperors and monarches of the world have heretofore beene wont to leave as monuments of antiquitie to their posterities, and are nowe also growne in use amongst many of the princes of Christendome.

^{*} Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 73.

Knowe yee therefore that wee, being willing to appropriate to our felfe the fervice and imployment of the faid Abraham Vanderdort in that arte, mistery, science and profession, have of our especiall grace, certeyne knowledge and meere motion, given and graunted, and by these presents, for us our heires and fuccessors doe give and graunt unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoort, the office or place of maister imbosser and maker of the medales of us our heires and fuccessors of all fizes and quantities to be wrought in gould, filver or braffe, moulded or pressed, or in other matter whatsoever, And to have the overfeeing and keeping of the fame, for the fervice of us our heirs and fuccessors, And him the faid Abraham Vanderdoort wee doe by these presents, for us our heirs and fuccessors, constitute, appointe and ordaine to be the Maister Imbosser and maker of the medales of us our heires and fucceffors, of all fizes and quantities to be wrought in gould, filver or braffe, moulded or pressed, or in other manner whatsoever, and to have the overfeeing and keeping of the fame, for the fervice of us our heires and fuccesfors;

To have, hould, occupie and enjoy the faid office or place unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoort and his assignes, for and dureing the natural life of him the faid Abraham Vanderdoorte.

And further, of our especiall grace certeyne knowledge and meere motion wee have given and graunted, and by L eis prefents for us our heires and fuccessors, doe give and graunte unto the faide Abraham Vanderdoorte, for the exerciseing of the saide office or place, the yearlie fee and allowance of fortie poundes of lawfull money of England by the yeare, to have, hould, receive and enjoy the said fee and allowance of fortie poundes by the yeare to the faid Abraham Vanderdoorte, out of the treafure of us our heires and fuccessors, at the receipte of the exchequer of us our heires and fucceffors, by the hands of the treaforer and chamberlaynes of us our heires and fuccessors there for the tyme being, at the fower usual feasts of the yeare, that is to fave, at the feafte of the Nativitie of Sainte John Baptiste, Sainte Michaell the Archangell, the Birth of our Lord and the Annuntiation of the bleffed Virgin Mary, by even portions to be paied, The firste payment

ment thereof to begin at the feaste of Sainte John Baptist next comeing after the date hereof, together with all and all manner of other fees, profitts, advantages, rightes, liberties, commodities and emoluments whatfoever to the faid office or place belonging or of righte apperteyning, or which hereafter may any way be due belong or apperteyne; wherefore our will and pleasure is, And wee doe, by these presents, for us our heires and fucceffors command and authorize the faid treasorer, chancellor, undertreasorer and barons of the faid exchequer for the time being, and all other the officers and ministers of the said court, and of the receyte there for the tyme being, that they and every of them, to whom itt doeth or shall apperteyne, doe not onelye upon fighte of theis our lettres patents or the inrollment of them from tyme to tyme, paie and deliver, or cause to be paid and delivered unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoorte and his affignes the faid yearly fee and allowance of fortie poundes as the fame shall growe due, but doe alsoe give allowance thereof according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, and theis our letters patents or the inrollment thereof, shall.

shall be yearlie and from tyme to tyme, as a fwell to the said treasorer and chamber-laines of our said exchequer, as to all other the officers and ministers of us our heires and successors, to whome it shall apperteine, a sufficient warrant and dischardge in this behalfe:

Although expresse mention, &c.

In witnes, &c.

Witnes our selse att Westmynster, the fourteenth day of May.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

* De concessione ad vitam Abrahamo Vanderdoort.

CHARLES by the grace of God, &c. To all whome, &c. Greeting.

Whereas wee have appointed our fervant Abraham Vanderdoort Esquire to oversee and take care of all our pictures which are at Whitehall and other our houses of resort, to prevent and keepe them (so much as in him lyeth) from being spoiled or defaced,

^{*} Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 100.

to order marke and number them, and to keepe a register of them, to receive and deliver them, and likewise to take order for the makeing and coppying of pictures as wee or the Lord Chamberlaine of our houshold shall directe, And to this end are pleased that hee shall have accesse at convenient times into our galleries chambers and other roomes where our pictures are;

Knowe yee that wee, in consideration of the good and acceptable fervice done and to be done unto us by our faid fervaunt Abraham Vanderdoort in manner as aforefaid, of our especiall grace, certeyne knowledge and meere motion, have given and graunted, and by theis prefents for us, our heires and fuccessors, doe give and graunt unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoort the office or place of overfeer of all the pictures of us, our heirs and fuccessors, And him the said Abraham Vanderdoort wee doe by these prefents, for us, our heires and fucceffors, constitute, ordayne and appointe to be the overseer of all the pictures of us, our heires and fuccesfors, to have, hold, occupy and enjoy the faid office or place unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoort and his assignes, for and

and dureing the naturall life of him the faid Abraham Vanderdoort.

And further, of our especiall grace certayne knowledge and meete motion, Wee have given and graunted, and by theis prefents for us, our heirs and fuccessors, doe give and graunt unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoort, for the exerciseing of the said office or place, the yearlie fee or allowance of fortie pounds of lawfull money of England by the yeere, to have, hold, receive and enjoy the faid fee and allowance of fortie pounds by the yeare unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoort and his affignes, for and dureing the naturall life of the faid Abraham Vanderdoort, out of the treasure of us, our heires and successors, out of the receipte of the exchequer of us, our heires and fuccessors, by the hands of the treaforer and chamberlaynes of us our heires and fuccessors there for the tyme being, at the fower usuall feasts of the yeare, that is to faye, at the feaftes of the Nativitye of Sainte John Baptist, Sainte Michaell the Archangell, the Byrth of our Lord God, and the Annunciation of the bleffed Virgin Mary, by even portions to be payde; the

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firste paymente to begin at the feast of the nativitie of St. John Baptiste nexte comeing after the date hereof:

Wherefore our will and pleasure is, and wee doe by theis prefents for us our heires and fuccessors, commaunde and authorize the faid treasorer, chauncellor, undertreasorer and barons of the faid exchequer for the tyme being, that they and everie of them, to whome it doeth or shall apperteyne, doe not only uppon fight of theis our lettres patents or the inrollment of them from tyme to tyme, paye and deliver, or cause to be payde and delivered unto the faid Abraham Vanderdoorte and his affignes the faid yerely fee and allowance of fortie poundes, as the fame shall growe due, but doe alsoe give full allowance thereof according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, and theis our letters patents or the inrollment thereof, shalbe yerely and from tyme to tyme, aswell to the faid treasorer and chamberlaines of our faid exchequer, as to all other the officers and ministers of us our heires and fucceffors, to whome it shall or may apperteyne, a sufficient warrant and discharge in

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this behalfe; Although expresse mention, &c.

In witnes, &c.

Witnes our felf at Westmynster the thirtith day of May.

Per Breve de Privato Sigilla.

De Warranto speciali pro Georgio Duci Buckingbam et aliis. *

CHARLES, by the grace of God, &c.

To our right trufty and right entirely beloved Cosen and Counsellor

George Duke of Buckingham our High Admirall of England,

To our right trusty and right welbeloved Cosen and Councellor

Henry Earle of Holland,

To our right trusty and right welbeloved Councellor

Edward Lord Conway one of our Principall Secretaries of State,

And to our trufty and right welbeloved Spencer Lord Compton.

And

To our trusty and welbeloved servants

* Rymer, vol. zviii. p. 236.

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Sir Henry Mildmay Knight, Mafter of our jewell house'

And ·

Endymion Porter one of the groomes of our bedchamber, and to all other our officers ministers and loveing subjects whom yet may any way concerne, Greetinge.

Whereas wee have lately ymployed the faid Duke of Buckingham and Earle of Holland as our Ambassadors Extraordinary to the States of the United Provinces, and for our speciall service have commaunded the said Lord Compton to deliver into the hands of the said Lord Conwey the severall jewells, hereaster particularly mentioned, being att that tyme in his custody (that is to say)

A great riche jewell of goulde, called the Mirror of Greate Brittaine, haveing twoe faire table diamonds, twoe other large diamonds cutt lozen wife, garnished with small dyamonds and a pendant of a faire dyamond cutt in faucetts without foyle:

A faire jewell in fashion like a fether of goulde, having in the middest one greate dyamond and thirty other dyamonds of severall bighes, and sive small dyamonds in a crosse:

A faire flower of goulde with three greate

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ballasses in the middest, a greate poynted dyamond and three great pearles fixte with a faire pearle pendant, called The Brethren:

A greate poynted dymond with the collect taken from a coller of goulde, wherein yet remaines eighte greate rocke rubies and twenty greate pearles fet in twoes, with a long pearle pendant:

A broken coller of goulde of thirty peeces, whereof fifteen are rofes and fifteen crowned cyphers of the late Kinge and Queens names, wherein are nowe remaining eleaven poynted dyamonds and nyne table dyamonds:

A jewell of goulde of the letter * I, haveing one longe fayre table dyamond and twoe leffer square table triangled dyamonds, and a rose dyamond, and a greate ovall pearle pendant:

The greate coller of ballast rubies, conteyninge twenty peeces of gould, whereof ten are sett with greate ballas rubies, and tenne with sixteene round pearles in eiche peece:

One greate saphire cutt in sossetts, one pendant saphire cutt in sossetts, one ballast ruby with a longe pearle pendant, one bal-

^{*} Probably for K. James.

last ruby without foyle in a collett of goulde enamelled::

. A greate amatist in a collet of goulde.

All which jewells the faide Lord Compton according to our commaundment did deliver unto the faide Lord Conwey, and the faid Lord Conwey by our commaundment did deliver them uppon or neare aboute the eighte day of November nowe last past unto the said Endymion Porter to bee carried beyond the feas into Holland, and there to bee delivered unto the faide Duke of Buckingham and Earle of Holland by them twoe to be disposed of as wee have specially directed them for our service.

And whereas the faide Sir Henry Mildmay the master of our jewell house, by our like especiall commaundment uppon or aboute the fixe and twentieth day of October nowe last past, did deliver out of his custody and charge unto the faide Duke and Earle, or theire fervaunts for them, theis feverall parcells of riche plate and jewells hereafter particulerly mentioned in theis presents,

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Inprimis, one bason of goulde, in the bottome there are fett two fayre dyamonds, twoe fayre rubies, twoe emeraulds, and fea-..!; X_3

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venteene faire pearles, and the brymme of the fame garnished with fower faire dyamonds, fower faire rubies, fower faire emeraulds, and forty eighte clusters of pearles, there beinge fower faire pearles in every cluster, of the waighte of one hundred and thirteen ounces.

Item, one very faire layer of mother of perle, being a shell crazed in fundry places and simited againe, garnished with goulde, the foote thereof cutt eighte square, in the lower parte whereof is one dyamond without a foyle, fower rocke rubies, twoe fayre emraulds, and one faphire, and uppon the upper parte of the fame square is one very faire dyamond without foyle, one faire rocke ruby, and twoe faire emraulds, the shanke thereof garnished with twoe very faire rubies, twoe very faire emraulds, and three very faire pearls pendant, the body thereof garnished with twoe very faire rubies, twoe faire emraulds, two faire dyamonds and fix pearles, the handle being an antique man of goulde garnished with fixe rubies, one emrauld, one faphire, and one pearle pendant, layinge his one hand uppon a goodly ballace, and the other hand uppon a goodly ruby, and from the body to the

the same shell, garnished with twoe dyamonds, sower rubies and twoe very faire rubies, with twoe pearles pendant in twoe womens hands, houldinge betweene the other twoe hands a goodly ballace like a harte, the garniture of the same shell above the brymme and spoute downwards to the body with five dyamonds, two of them being greate, seaven rubies, sower emraulds, one emrauld pendent, one blewe saphire, and three pearls pendent, with two severall pearles sett, and a longe pearle sett in the topp over the saide harte of ballace, weighinge one hundred and threescore ounces:

Item, one bason and layer of goulde, the bason enamelled about the bushell and brymme, and the layer sutable, haveing forty eighte small dyamonds in the bason, and thirtie three small dyamonds, thirtie rubies, and twelve greate saphires in the layer, weighing two hundred and two ounces:

Item, a bason and ewer of goulde, sett with dyamonds rubies and emraulds, and one greate ballace ruby in the middest of the ewer the armes of Denmarke in the bason with Anna Regina, weighing one hundred threescore five ounces and a halfe:

Item, a faire boll of goulde; with a cover X 4 garnished

garnished with dyamonds rubies and emraulds, in the topp a wilde man with a ruby pendent in his hand, and Anna Regina within the cover, weighing fifty one ounces and halfe a quarter:

Item, a standing cupp of gould, with a cover garnished with dyamonds rubies and emraulds all perfecte, having the armes of Denmarke within the cover, weighing fiftie ounces scante:

Item, one cupp of goulde, with a cover graven on the body, with an alter and an inscription over itt (nil nisi vota), and the similitude of a temple graven with a peramides on the topp of the cover, and a harnised man on the topp thereof holding an antique shield in his left hand, weighing two hundred ounces and a halfe:

Item, one bason and layer of goulde plaine, weighing one hundred sowerscore and sixteene ounces:

Item, a paire of faire bolls and covers of goulde raised with talbotts on the sides, weighing one hundred and twentie ounces:

Item, a faire standing cupp of gould, garnished about the cover with eleaven dyamonds, and two poynted dyamonds about the cupp, seaventeene table dyamonds and

one pearle pendent uppon the cupp, with theis words bound to obey and ferve, and H. and I. knitt togeather; in the topp of the cover the Queens armes, and Queene Janes armes houlden by twoe boyes under a crowne imperiall, weighing threescore and five ounces and a halfe:

Item, a cupp of goulde with a cover garnished with redd roses and full sett, and garnished with course ballaces or rubies and saphires, and one and twentie troches of pearles, three pearles in every troche, weighing sistie sixe ounces scante:

Item, a highe falt of gould in the forme of a shippe, with a strikeing clocke in the cover garnished with dyamonds, rubies, saphires, emrauldes, jacints, amatists, ballaces and perles, weighing one hundred threescore twoe ounces and a halfe:

Item, one falte of goulde, called the Morris Daunce, haveing the foote garnished
with sixe greate saphires and sisteene course
dyamonds, thirtie seaven course rubies, fortie
twoe small garnishing perles, haveing uppon
the shanke three great course saphires and
three great course perles, uppon the border
about the shanke twelve course dyamonds,
eighteene course rubies, and sistie twoe garnishing

nishing perles, and standinge about that five morris dauncers and a taberer, haveing amongest the morris dauncers and taberer thirteene small garnishinge perles and one ruby, the lady houlding the falte haveing uppon her garment from her foote to her face fiftye garnishing perles and eighteene course rubies, the soote of the same salte haveing fower course rubies and fower course dyamonds, the border about the middle of the same salte haveing fower course dyamonds, seaven rubies and eighte perles, and uppon the topp of the faid faulte fower dyamonds, fower rubies and three greate pearles, haveing uppon the tyre of her head tenn course rubies, twelve course dyamonds and ewentie nyne course garnishinge perles, weighing one hundred fifty one ounces and a halfe and halfe a quarter:

Item, one cupp of goulde called the Dreame of Paris, haveing uppon the cover thereof the image of Paris, Jupiter, Venus, Pallas and Juno, and Paris horse uppon the cover, garnished with eighteene dyamonds greate and small, and in the five borders of the same cover thirtie twoe greate rubies, Jupiter garnished with tenn small rubies, and Paris helmett garnished with twoe small rubies, Venus

Venus and Pallas either of them haveing one small rubie uppon their breft, Juno wanting her chapter, the horse of Paris haveing eighte finall rubies, alfoe uppon the five borders of the fame fortie one great perles, Jupiter haveing his garment garnished with thirtie two small perles, Paris haveing one small perle uppon the topp of his cap, Venus having twoe peries hanging downe from her chaplett, Juno haveing uppon her chaplett hanging downe twoe fmall peries, and uppon her buttocks twoe small perles, the horse garnished with twenty seaven perles great and finall, the cupp haveing upon the foote and shanke twentie sixe rubles greate and fmall, tenne dyantonds of divers forts, fower saphires, and thirty eighte perles greate and finall, weighing one hundred twenty and one ounces:

Item, a trencher falte of golde in forme of a castle, garnished with dyamonds, rubies, emraulds and perles, weighing one and twentye ounces and a quarter:

Item, one cupp and cover of golde, weighing thirtie ounces:

Item, one cupp of golde the cover and foote enamelled with eighte course dyamonds, fower on the cover, and fower les-

fer on the foote, and in the topp of the cover a faire pointed emraulde and another knobb of goulde enamel'd like the emraulde, weighing twentie eighte ounces and a quarter:

Item, one high falte of goulde with a cover of goulde, in the cover twelve ballace rubies, nine faphires, three dyamonds, and on the topp a woman haveing a rose dyamond in one hand, and in the other an arrowe with a dyamond at the end garnished with perles fixed and pendant, wanting fixe perles, nyneteene small dyamonds in the coronett, the cover weighing threescore ounces, the falte fett with forty five ballace rubies, thirtie fixe faphires, seaven small dyamonds, and garnished with perles fixed and pendant, wanting divers perles, weighing twoe hundred thirtie fower ounces scante, weighing in toto twoe hundred fowerfcore fixe ounces and a quarter:

Item, one cupp of goulde, the cover and foote enamelled with eighte course dyamonds, fower on the cover, and fower leffer on the foote, and in the topp of the cover a faire pointed emrauld, and another knobb of gould enamelled like an emrauld, weighing

weighing twentie eight ounces and a quarter:

Item, one cupp, the boll thereof agett ovall fashion, called the Constables Cupp, with an aggett in the soote, all garnished with gould enamelled, sett with rubies and dyamonds, with a cover of goulde likewise enamelled and garnished with rubies and dyamonds, set about with sower antique heads of aggetts, in the inside one agett cutt with twoe saces garnished with dyamonds, weighing sistic seaven ounces three quarters:

Item, one cupp and cover of goulde with dropps and a branch of flowers in the topp enamelled like dayseys, weighing thirtie sixe ounces:

Item, one layer of goulde chased with longe dropps, the spoute betweene a serpente garnished with rubies, perles and slowers enamelled with white and redd, wanting a ruby in the topp of the cover, weighing fortie ounces scante:

Item, eighte great dishes of goulde with armes, weighing one hundred fowerscore fower ounces and a quarter:

Item, fixe trencher plates of goulde with armes,

armes, weighing threefcore and fowerteene ounces one quarter and halfe a quarter:

Item, twelve fruite diffics of gould with the armes of Denmarke, weighing one hundred and fowerfcore five ounces and a quarter:

Item, a pointet of goulde with a cover, weighing twentie ounces and a quarter scante:

Item, a boll and cover of goulde with roses and crownes, and a crowne with a crosse on the topp of the cover, weighing threescore nyne ounces and halfe a quarter:

Item, one paire of goulde copps with covers, haveinge blewe snake rings in the topp of theire covers, weighing thirtie ounces and a halfe:

Item, twoe trencher plates of gould flandinge upport pillers, weighing one hundred and tenne ounces one quarter and a halfe:

Item, one porringer and cover of goulde, weighing twenty feaven ounces three quarters and a halfe:

Item, one cupp and cover of goulde, weighing thirtie one ounces and halfe a quarter:

Item, one cupp and cover of goulde, weighing

weighing twentie five ounces one quarter and a half:

Item, one cupp and cover of goulde, weighing twentie three ounces three quarters and a halfe:

Item, a coller of goulde, conteining feaventeene roles and feaventeene knotts, weighing twenty nyne ounces and three quarters:

Item, a bason and ewer of goulde ovalt fashion, weighing threescore eleaven ounces and a halfe:

Item, a gridiron of goulde, weighing twentie twoe ounces a quarter and a halfe:

Item, a cupp of aggott, with a cover garnished with gould and full of emraulds, turquesses, dyamonds, roses of dyamonds, rubies and perles, with a saphire on the topp, with a boy houldings a speare, weighings fiftie three ounces and halfe a quarter:

Item, a lookinge glasse sett in goulde, garnished on the one side with twoe same on the other side with sower sand on the other side with sower sands former rubies, the steele of aggott, twoe little boyes, one of them houldinge a pearle and sive perles hanginge, on the other parte

of the body is a man on horsebacke, the body beinge a clocke within a christall garnished with sower dyamonds and fiftie five rubies, with sower antique boyes enammelled white, twoe of them beareing in either hand a perle, and the other twoe, the one haveinge twoe perles and the other hath one perle in theire handes, wantinge sower perles in the saide antique boys, the base or soote standinge uppon sower round cristalls garnished with tenne rubies, and sower naked women of goulde standing att every corner one; and a man in the topp beinge naked, weighing sowerscore and seaventeene ounces three quarters and a halse:

Item, one plate of goulde, graven on the one fide with astronomy, and on the other fide with a shippe, called the *Tryumphe*, with a case of murrey velvet, weighinge three-score and thirteen ounces:

Item, one layer, the foote body and handle of aggott, the body crased, garnished with gould and sett with dyamonds, rubies and amathists, one emraulde and one saphire, the foote having a border of small rubies rounde aboute itt, weighing twentie eighte ounces and halse a quarter:

Item, a cupp of aggott with a cover of goulde

goulde like a tent, haveinge a morris daunce in the cover, fett with twentie faphires, nine finall dyamonds, and feaventeene ballace rubies, garnished with pearles fixed, and pearles and beads of gould pendant, weighinge threefcore and eighte ounces:

All which jewells and plate have beene received by the faid Duke and Earle, to be disposed of by them for our especial service according as wee have given unto them private directions:

Nowe forasmuch as the saide jewells and plate are of greate value, and many of them have longe contynued as itt were in a continuall discent for many years togeather with the crowne of England, and therefore it may not bee fafe for the faide Lord Compton, Lord Conwey, Sir Henry Mildmay and Endymion Porter, or any of them, to deliver them out of their severall charges, nor for the faide Duke and Erle to receive the same and transporte the same beyonde the feas, and there to dispose them without speciall warrant from us for the doeinge thereof, which in tyme to come mighte bee perrillous unto them, unles wee shoulde by some publique instrument declare that all this Vot. II. Y

this was done by our especiall commaundment and for our especiall service:

Knowe all men therefore that wee, for many weighty and important reasons and causes, much concerning us our honour and state, have authorised and commaunded the saide Lord Compton, Lord Conwey and Sir Henry Mildmay and Endymion Porter, to deliver theis severall jewells and plate, before severally mentioned in manner as aforesaide, unto the saide Duke and Erle or such of their servants as they should appoint to keepe the same;

And that wee did likewise authorise and commande the said Duke and Earle to order and dispose of the said jewells and plate to such purposes, and in such manner as wee our selfe have in private to them particularly directed, and wee doe by theis presents declare and avowe the same, and that nothinge therein is done but by our owne ymmediate commande and for our owne ymmediate service; And our will and pleasure is, and wee doe by theis presents, for us our heires and successors, graunte that they the saide Duke of Buckingham, Erle of Holland, Lord Conwey, Lord Compton,

Sir Henry Mildmay, and Endymion Porter and every of them theire heires, executors and administrators, and theire and everie of theire landes, goods and chattells, bee for ever freed as against us our heires and successors for the doeinge and performeing of our will and pleasure touchinge the premisses, and that they and every of them, be onely accomptable to us in our owne person for the disposeing of the saide jewells and plate, and to none other nor in any other manner:

- And theis prefents, or the inrollment thereof, shalbe unto them and every of them, and to all our officers and mynisters whom ye may any way concerne, a full and sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalfe.
 - In witnes, &c.
 - Witnes our selfe att Hampton Courte the searchth day of December.

Per ipsum Regem.

A Monsteur le Compte D'Hollande.

Monseigneur,

ONS. L'Abé de Scagliá m'a com-mende de vous faire ceste despesche pour la necessité qu'il y a que les affaires soient advancées et poussés comme il dist dens le grand chemain. H y a un mois que j'ay envoyé une despesche a Mons. le Duc pour rendre compte de ce qu'il m'avoist enchargé et de ce que Monf. de Scaglia avoist a dire, la dicte despesohe estant arivée, trois jours appres le despart de Monseigneur le Duc. Sa Maj. a pleu la lire et m'hors norer de ces commends, par une lettre que Monf. de Montagu m'a apportée du secretaire Canvué. En m'a precedente lettre j'ay faict recitt de ce que ce pouvoist apprendré issi des plus fraiches nouvelles de France, et de ce que Mons. L'Abé de Scaglia avoit appris a Bruffelles, Estant le sommaire une tres remarquable disposition qu' avoist L' Infante et le Marquis Spignola a un accomodement, luy aiant demandé fils. se pouvoient asseurer que L'Engleterre leur donneroist bien deux mois de temps, pour receveoir

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receveoir les ordres requis d'Espagne, Or est il qu'en suitte de la derniere lettre de Rubens, par la quelle il desiroist un entreveue de luy et de moye en Hollande, ie luy procuray un passeport du Prince d'Oranges, Il ce transporta de Brusselles a Breda, d'ou il mescript qu'il avoist ordre de ces maistres de ne passer plus oultre que Zenenberghen, plasse neutre, et ou autrefois ceux qui firent les premieres ouvertures de la France sentrevoioient, m'asseurant par sa lettre qu'il me feroist veoir clairement que ceste punctualite estoist fondée sur des raisons justes, equitables et tendantes a l'advancement de l'affaire, mais aiant en singuliere recommendation d'acompagner les ordres que Monf. le Duc m'a donnee, avecq les sircurnstansses requises a la reputation de sa Maj. ie montray la lettre a Mons. Carleton et luy dis que ie nestois nullement d'avis de bouger de la Haye ou des environs, et fis response au dict S'. Rubens que ie luy avois envoyé un passeport a sa requisition, en vertu duquel il pouvoist sans auqune difficulté ce transporter luy et ses valets, en telle plasse de la Hollande qu'il luy plaisait, que s'il faisoit difficulté de venir a la Haye, ie lirois trouver a Delf, ou Rotterdam Y 3 comme

comme appert par les copies des lettres issi enclosses, Il me fist response, et sçaveoir quit partoit promtement pour Bruffelles pour receveoir aultres ordres, estant tres sensible de quelque ombrage que ie pourois prende, comme appert par cest lettre incluse quil escript a Mons. L'Abé de Scagliá, protestant que ceste resolution avoist esté prise pour le bien de l'affaire, ce qu'il m'eust tres particulierement faict entendre. Quelque jours appres il arriva a Delf qui etoist le 17 du mois de Juillet, où il m'a representé que si Don Diego Messias qui est encore a Paris n'eust tardé si long temps il n'eust pas-desiré de me veoir avant son arrivée parce que L'Infante attandant par luy tout ordre ne sçavoit que dire, mais craignant que l'Engleterre prinst quelque ombrage de la longeur d'Espagne, elle lavoist envoyé pour m'asseurer de son integritté de son Zelle, et sincere intention. En un mot pour faire cognoistre que les ordres eussent estes plustost envoyés si l'Espagne n'eust pris c'este resolution d'envoyer Don Diego Messia lequel a ce quil dist a faict telle diligence qu'il est party le lendemain de ces fiançailles, le dict Don Diego aiant aussi tardé plus long temps par les chemains pour raison d'une fieyure tierçe

tierce laquelle le tient encore a Paris. la seconde raison pourquoy ils avoyent envoyé le S'. Rubens estoist, pour entendre si l'on avoist advancé pour procurer a la concurence des estats, et si l'on avoist meditté fur les expedients necessaires, pour facilliter les affaires, ou les plus grandes disficultes et obstacles ce rencontreroient en celles de Hollande, Que l'Espagne avoist escript en ces termes. Vous continuerez de traitter avec Gerbier jusques a ce que Don Diego vienne, non feulement d'un acomodement entre l'Espagne et l'Engleterre, mais aussi pour l'Alesmagne et l'Hollande. Que l'Empereur mesme avoist escript tres exactement a l'Infante que si auquun traitté passoit par ces mains quil seroist tres contant que les affaires d'Alesmagne s'acommodassent et qu'il tesmoigneroist d'estre un Prince Chrestien. Le dict Rubens faisant des grandes instances pour sçaveoir a quel expediants l'on avoist pensez, Je luy fis responsse que par l'escript qu' avoist esté envoyé le 9. de mars, pour responsse de ceux que j'avois apportée de la part de l'Infante, la Balle (comme dire) estoist mise a leur pietz, que c'estoist a eux de parler, que le temps ne permet pas puis que nous ne voions encore aultre certittude de leur part

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que parolles, de faire auquine ouverture, que bien estoist vray que Monf. Carleton se devoilt disposer a faire tout debvoir, mais qu'il nestoist possible d'avancer l'affaire sens que de la part d'Espagne, l'on ne vist des tesinoignages eficatieux, sur quoy il me dice que la serenissime Infante sçavoit bien quil ne se pouvoist rien faire sans les ordres requis et si long temps attendus, mais que son voiage tendant a nous asseurer de la bonne intention, et nous leuer de toutte doubte. seroist acompagné de quelque advancement si en attendant la venue de Don Diego Messias il ce pouvoist trouver quelques expediants pour donner lumière a l'acheminement du traitté, et quainssi il retourneroit avecque quelque fruiet. Je luy dis que pour corespondre aus asseurances qu'i apportoist de la bonne intention de l'Infante. Que ie le pouvois affeurer de celle de sa Maj. Et puis qu'il avoist maintenant licence de ce promener par les villes de Hollande, que j'avrois loifir de veoir Monf. Carleton lequel pouroist dire son sentiment sur quelques expedians, de la part duquel ie luy ay dict a son despart, qu'il sesvertuera tant que sera possible, a meditter sur les expediants necessaires et quen attendant qu'il avoist pensé a deux,

deux, estant toutesfois dict par maniere de discours, scaveoir si pour l'Electorat il se pouvoist adjouster uné voix davantage au colege, et que le survivant des deux succederoift, le fecond que dens lacommodement affin d'interesser le Prince, se rendasse la ville de Breda. Quand aux plus difficiles comme se qui regarde ce mot de p'ays libre, et lestroitte confederation ratifiée il y a deux ans, qu'il esperoist de trouver jour, estant son intention de la proposer au roy a mon retour, lors que le dict S'. Rubens feroift veoir ce que Don Diego Messias apporteroist. Il a promis qu'il feroist toutte diligence, et sur ce ay esté obligé d'attendre de ces premieres nouvelles, par advis de Mons. Carleton. J'ay faict entendre au dict Rub. la ligue que le roy de France pretend de faire avecq les Princes catholiques d'Alesmagne. L'argent quelle a promis de fournir aux estats sur les premieres nouvelles quelle aura que l'armes des estats aura assiegée quelque plasse, de sortte que Mons. Rubens avecq plusieurs aultres discours qu'avons eu ensemble fur la raison d'Estast que le roy d'Espagne devroit plustost aveoir de souffeir un Prince de la relision en Alesmagne, sen est allé avecq la puce a l'Oreille esperant esperant a la venue de Don Diego Messias, comme a un Messie. Les protestations qu'ils sont, et la necessite qui les semble presser donne de l'aparence, si ce aest que l'Est-pagne trompe messine l'Insante. ce que ce cognoistra bien tost, car Rubens a promis que s'il s'aperceyoit de telle chose il en adyerteroist promptement,

J'avois faict mention en ma premiere lettre, que l'on pouvoist aisement remarquer que plusieurs de ce pa'ys panchoient du costé de la France, et que la plus grand part avoyent une tres grande aprehention de ceste rupture entre la France et l'Engleterre. Je m'estois advise denploier mon temps a faire quelque recoevil des mesmoires que j'ay des affaires passées, et le communiquant avec Monf. L'Abé de Scaglia, Il a adioutté ce qu'il a creu estre convenable et utille, L'aiant reduit en uné fasson de Lunettes d'Hollande pour faire veoir la veritté et la forme des affaires. Je luy escript en langue Françoise pour la traduire appres en flamang avecq intention de le destribuer par escript parmy ceux qui ont le plus de pouvoir et de sentiment en ce pa'ys si telle estoist la volonte de sa Maj. c'est pourquoy ie l'envoye ici jointe, yous suppliant den dire vostre sentiment.

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L'Ambass. de Savoye m'a dict que les desputés des estats ont estes invistez et porttez escripre en France, touchant l'interest qu'ils ont de la mauvaise inteligence de ces deux couronnes. Que pourtant ils prient sa Maj. doublier les offences receves et de vouloir suspendre les actes d'hostillité contre l'Engleterre, representant particulierement que ce desordre portte la ruinne de cest estats. quelle lettre a esté faictte par l'artifice du Cardinal de Richelieu pour la faire inprimer a Paris, affin que ceux de la relision de France voient que les actions d'Engleterre sont mesmes odieuses a ces amis, affin qu'ils croient qu'il y a mesme de la desunion avecque ces estats, et faire paroistre qu'il a eu raison de portter le roy son maistre a des animosites contre l'Engleterre, puis que les estrangers mesmes cognoissent que la France par elle a esté offencée.

Nonobstant ceste ditte lettre que l'on croist estre solicitée par Artsen lequel s'est faict cognoistre du tout François en ceste conjuncture; Les estats cognoisent bien que l'Engleterre ne peut pour ces interets, n'y pour sa reputation permettre la pertte de la Rochelle, comme aussi que la France aye grandes sorces en Mer, et destre pour les messines

mesmes respects aussi bien interessez que l'Engleterre, qui donne affez de subject de croire quil y a de la necessité de les pousser, n'y ayant pas de doutte, quils suivroit tout à faict l'Engleterre en ce quelle vousdroit traitter d'une paix d'Espagne, estants hors de toutte sortte despoir d'assistance de la France, et font bien veoir le sentiment qu'ils en ont s'aiant la province d'Hollande esvertuée de fournir deux millions de livres, plus que par le passe pour suppleter a ce que la France manque. Le S'. Rubens a veu lettres escriptes de France a l'Infante et Marquis Spignola lesquelles sont dressées par le Cardinal de Richelieu, difant lors que Monf. de Montagu parloit au Duc de Savoye touchant les affaires de la France, et l'Engleterre, que l'Ambassadeur de France la resident estoist caché derriere la tapisserie pour ovir tout ce que ce disoit, ceste sourbe estant controuvée pour faire croire que la France est recherchée par l'Engleterre et que mesmes la France est si essoignée de vouloir acommodement que ces ministres ne veulent pas paroistre ou sont ceux d'Engleterre, pour traitter avecques eux.

Le Cardinal de Richelieu aiant ombrage du voiage de Messias, se disant en France que c'est

c'est pour traitter avecq l'Engleterre, il a faict promtement escripre une lettre a Artsen, si tost que l'armée des estats assiegeroient une plasse de l'ennemy que la France leur sera tenir cinq cents mille livres, esperant par ce moien et par les al livres qu'ils ont sourny au roy de Dennemarque d'apportter lenpeschement a l'acommodement des affaires entre l'Espagne et l'Engleterre, cest un argument que la France ne faict rien de bon que par crainte et quand elle est sorcée. Le bien qu' a desia aportté le bruict de quelque traitté avecque l'Espagne, maxime certain que l'entretien en est bon.

Les Lettres de Paris du 25 font mention d'une soulevation qu'il y a en dens Bourdeaux n'aiants voulu accepter les nouveux edits. Ceux de Bourdeaux n'ont aussi voulu publier la dessence du commerce avecque l'Englierere. Mons. L'Abé de Scaglia m'a induit descrire qu'il seroist d'avis en ceste disposition de leur faire sçaveoir de les vouloir traitter en amis, a condition qu'ils soient obliger d'assister ce que le roy de la grand Bretagne entreprendra a leur advantage. Monsieur de Rohan, a faich responsse au roy par son agent que le roy luy avoit envoyé pour tirer promesse de luy qu'il n'eust pas

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a ce remuer. Il a respondu qu'il se sera recognoistre bon serviteur du roy pourveu que
la Rochelle soit remise en toutte sortte de libertté, ce que faict cognoistre au roy que la
deliberation des armes que Mons. de Rohan
prend, est avecque le consentment des Eglises de France. Il a fait retirer Madâme de
Rohan a Geneve, et sen va en Italie affin que
personne ne soupsonne quelle sollicette le roy
pour son mary.

La Rochelle avoist faict pendre quelques uns qui avoient voulu persuader le peuple de l'unir avecque le roy.

Mons. de Guise est tres mal satisfaict pour le commendement donné a Mons. d'Angou-lesine. Il estoist party vers Poittoù environ quattre ou cinq mille hommes et doibt estre la a la fin du mois de Juillet. Je ne puis obmettre de saire recitt de la bonne repartie que Mons. L'Abé de Scaglia a saict a l'Embassadeur de France et celuy de Venise issi resident, lesquelles pressoient fort qu'il ce devoist entremettre en un acommodement, qu'il falloit procurer que la France vint a une suspension d'armes, sur quoy L'Abé de Scaglia demende si la France avoist des piques longues de Calais a Douure, car pour d'aultres armes il n'en cognoissoit pas.

Jay representé a Mons. de Scaglia ce que Mons. Canoué m'a commande de la part du roy, le dict Scaglia m'a faict veoir en mesme temps ce quil escrivoit a son Altetze touchant les affaires, pour le tenir tousiours disposé au dessain de sa Maj. et dy engager ces amis, ce qu'il avoit recommendé avecque toute l'ardeur que l'on pouvoist scu'aister. Pour ce que regarde le voyage du Baron de Puseol, il attend responsse d'un jour a aultre, de tout ce que l'on peut desirer de sa negotiation, estant party d'icy avecque touttes les instructions et mesmoires necessaires, il ne doutte quil n'aye bien servy. Pour les affaires de Geneve il a dict a Mons. de Montagù en ma presence comme il poura affeurer son Altesse de tout ce que le roy luy a ordonné et de plus que sa Maj. est authourdhuy au point de rendre si grand servisse a ceux de son party en France qu'il luy donnera tant plus d'avantage et d'authoritté parmy ceux de Geneve et ailleurs que l'on pouvoist attendre quelque bon succes. L'Abe de Scaglia l'asseurant que son Maistre le trouvera bon, Monsieur de Montagu s'en va bien instruit de ce qu'il aura a faire avecq Soissons, particullierement sur l'occasion de la Maladie du roy, laquelle enpirant pouroist

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roist bien changer beaucoup de choses, austrement s'il tombe en sievure cartte comme l'on dict desia, cela sortissera les mal contents de France, et donnera toutte sortte d'advantage a ceux qui en sçavront prositter, et quelque sortte de minne qu'ils fassent ils sont a present bien enpeschez, car indubitablement, yl y aura beaucoup de brouilliers dens touttes le provinces de la France qui les rendront inutilles au roy pour le secours qu'il en pouvoist aveoir tiré, jusques a tant que l'on soit en estast de saire d'avantage, comme Mons. de Scaglia croit que sera si les assaires de Savoye et de Genes sache vent.

L'Abe de Scaglia avroist desiré de passer au plustost en Engleterre vers sa Maj. mais est en ce point qu'il attend quelque responsse de Madame de Soissons, il desire de pouvoir conclure avecq Mons. de Candalle qui luy a promis de s'unir avecq Mons. le Compte de Soissons, lequel n'attend qu'une responsse pour establir ceste affaire la, mais il espere de partir dicy, au plus tard en quinse jours, ou trois semaines, et desire que le vaisseau revienne envers le dict temps.

L'Ambass. de France a fort desiré de pouvoir escripre quelque chose du retour de Mons. de Montagu, il s'est adresse a Mons.

Monf. de Scaglia lequel luy a faict des refponses assez ridicules, en particulier luy a proposé de demander a Mons. Carleton passeport pour asseurer les vaisseaux du roy de France qu'il voisdroit bien faire partir de ces ports.

J'avois touché en m'a precedente lettre comme l'Ambass, de Venice et l'Agent de Florence residant en Engleterre sont personnes qui interprettent en mal tout ce qui ce faisoit en Engleterre, donnent les advis aux ennemis de la couronne, et estoient personnes dangereuses, en aiant souvent ouy des estranges raports. Mons, de Scaglia dict sur cela, qu'il faut veoir de mettre l'affaire tout bellement en tel estast que l'on aye a parler sens portter prejudice a l'Ambass, de Venice qui est en France parce que les principalles choses que Mons. L'Abé de Scaglia a scù, il les a de celuy de Paris, lequel est maintenant suspect a celuy d'Engleterre.

Mais touchant cest agent de Florence qui est a Londres, Le Sr. Vertselin m'a souvent donné des advis pour les dire a Mons. le Duç, ne pouvant le dict Vertselin soussirie es malices lesquelles il faisoist paroistre. Et j'ay remarqué selon les paroles que le dict Vertselin m'a dittes que sens doubte cest agent de Flo-

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rence a faict ce petit livret intitullé la cronique des favorits, et dedie a Mons. le Duc
de Buckingham, dens léquel is trouve les
mesines termes que le Vertselin m'a raconté.
Mons. de Scaglia m'a faict tenir le livret que
japortteray quand et moy, sa Maj. m'aiant
faict l'honneur de me commander par le setretaire Canové d'en faire raport, a qui j'ay aussi
escript un peu plus briefvement et pour ne
manquer a mon deveoir ie n'ay voullu faillir
de vous en donner la cognoissance.

Authourdhuy sont venues les lettres de France vielles de 10 jours. Le roy est encore a Villeroy sort mal, sa sievune est double tierce, avecque laccident de la dissanterie le rend en tres mauvais estast, les astrologues disant sa fin, toutes les assaires cessent et plusieurs tant dehors que dedans sont aux atentes; il sust dict au roy que le Cardinal de Richelieu lavoit servy avecque beaucoup de passion, il dict ces mots, il est vray ie le sçay bien, mais le peuple se plaint sort.

Ils ont taché dacepter le gouvernement de Grandmont, mais il la refusé. Mont D'Dipernon c'est-retiré a Bergerac, disanc puis qu'il ne peut empessèher da sophovation du peuple, qu' aussi ne veust il estre present si quelque mai arivoit.

Monlieur

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Monsieur d'Angoulesme a este commendé de s'arester a Nior qui est a 10 lieves de la Rochelle. ils ont levé toutte les garnisons tant de Boulogne et quartiers sircomvoisins pour les envoyer a Mons. d'Angoulesme. Madame la Contesse de Soissons a mandé que le mariage luy plaist mais dict a Monsi de Scaglia quelle ne peut resoudre que jusques a ce que ceste maladie du roy prenne fin.

L'Ambassadeur de Savoye a escript par homme expres la necessite qu'il y a que Mons. le Compte se desclare et prenne rosolution principallement durant la maladie du roy.

Don Diego Messias est fort malade a Paris d'une sievre tierce, Je crains fort un prolonguement aux assaires, par ceste maladie.

Monsieur de Crecy aiant mande un coufier pour faire sçaveoir au roy de l'armement de Mons. de Savoye et l'ombrage que l'on devoit prendre de Mons. de Soissons, le roy a mande a Mons. de Crecy de ne bouger des frontierres et qu'il luy envoieroit le regiment du Prince de Phalsbourgh, le fils du Cardinal de Guise qui fust tué a Blois, quil les reduiroit a trois mille. le regiment du cheu. de Sault a deux mille, et si cela ne suffit, quil luy

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donne ordre d'en faire encore cinq mille et einq cents cheuaus.

Mons. de Louvieres estant mis en prison a la Bastille en l'ocasion de Chalais a demande a parler au Cardinal Richelieu, le mesme jour a este mené a la Conciergerie, où l'on faict son proces, ce dict qu'il doibt aveoir nomme plusieurs personnes et en particulier Mons. le grand prieur et Vandome.

Monf. Del Beuff solicitte pour le gouvernement de la Picardie.

Le roy a este saigné quatre sois, la sievre tierce redoublée, ne bouge pas du liet.

Le Cardinal ce paigne de rage les cheveux et la barbe avecque les ongles, ne permet que personne aproche du roy, mesme la royne.

Cest issi le sommaire de ce que les dernieres lettres disent.

Jespere que Vost. Exc. pardonnera a ma longue escripture partant du Zelle

De Monseigneur

Vostre tres humble tres obeisant

et tres oblige serviteur

B. GERBIER.

ee 6 d'Aoust 1627, Haye.

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* De Concessione ad vitam Nicholao Laniere et aliis.

CHARLES by the grace of God, &c.
To the treasurer and undertreasurer of
our Exchequer nowe being, and that hereafter for the tyme shalbe, Greeting,

Whereas wee have beene graciously pleased, in confideration of service done, and to be done unto us by fundrie of our musicians, to graunt unto them the severall annuities and yearly pensions hereafter following, (that is to fay) to Nicholas Laniere master of our musick two hundred poundes yearly for his wages, to Thomas Foord fourescore pounds yearly for his wages, that is, for the place which he formerly held, fortie poundes yearely, and for the place which John Ballard late deceased held, and now bestowed upon him the said Thomas Foord fortie poundes yearly, to Robert Johnson yearely for his wages fortie poundes and for stringes twentie poundes by the yeare. to Thomas Day yearely for his wages fortie pounds and for keeping a boy twenty fower poundes by the yeare, also to Alsonso Fera-

^{*} Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 728.

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bosco, Thomas Lupo, John Laurence, John Kelly, John Coggeshall, Robert Taylor, Richard Deering, John Drewe, John Lanier, Edward Wormall, Angelo Notary and Jonas Wrench, to everie of them fortie poundes a peece yearely for their wages, and to Alsonso Bales and Robert Marshe, to each of them twentie poundes a peece yearely for their wages.

Theis are therefore to will and commaund you, out of our treasure in the receipt of our exchequer, to cause payment to be made to our faid musicians : above mentioned, and to every of them feverally and respectively, the said severall annuities and allowances, as well presently upon the fight hereof for one whole year ended at the feast of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, last past before the date hereof, as alsoe from the feast hitherto, and foe from tyme to tyme hereafter at the fower usuall feastes or termes of the yeare, (that is to fay) at the feast of the Nativitie of St. John Baptist, St. Michaell the Archangell, the Byrth of our Lord God, and the Annunciation of the bleffed Virgin Mary, by even and equall portions, during their naturall lives, and the lives of everie of them respectively,

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respectively, together with all sees, profitts, commodities, allowances and advantages whatsoever to the said places incident and belonging, in as large and ample manner as any our musicians in the same places here-tofore have had and enjoyed the same; and theis presents, or the inrollment thereof, shalbe your sufficient warrant and discharage in this behalfe;

In witnes, &c.

Witnes our selfe at Westminster, the eleaventh day of July.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo, &c.

De Concessione Denizationis Francisco Cleyne et Philippo de Maecht. *

R E X omnibus ad quos, &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod nos, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus Francisco Cleyne et Philippo de Maecht in partibus transmarinis oriundis seu quibus aliis nominibus vel cognominibus vocentur seu censeantur, vel quocunque alio

Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 96.

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nomine vel cognomine aut additione nominis vel cognominis eorum alter vocetur seu censeatur, quod ipsi posthac durantibus vitis suis sint indigene ac ligei nostri, ac heredum et successorum nostrorum regni nostri Angliae, ac in omnibus teneantur reputentur tractentur habeantur et gubernentur et eorum alter teneatur reputetur tractetur habeatur et gubernetur, tanquam sidelis ligeus noster heredum et successorum nostrorum instra hoc regnum nostrum Anglie oriundus, et non aliter nec alio modo;

Ac quod ipsi omnes et omnimodas actiones sectas et querelas cujuscunque sint generis, in quibuscunque curiis locis et jurisdictionibus nostris herodum et successorum nostrorum habere exercere, eisque uti et gaudere, ac eis et in eisdem placitare et implacitare, respondere et responderi, desendere et desendi possint et valeant, et eorum alter possit et valeat, in omnibus et per omnia, sicut aliquis sidelis ligeus noster vel aliqui sideles ligei nostri in dicto regno nostro Anglie oriundi;

Et infuper quod iidem Franciscus Cleyne et Philippus de Maecht terras tenementa reversiones et servitia, ac alia hereditamenta quecunque infra dictum regnum nostrum Anglie et alia dominia nostra perquirere recipero

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recipere habere tenere emere et possidere, ae eis uti et gaudere, eaque dare vendere alienare et legare cuicunque persone sive quibuscunque personis sibi placuerit ad libitum sum possint et valeant, et eorum alter possit et valeat licite et impune, adeo plene quiete libere integre et pacifice, sicut aliquis ligeus noster vel aliqui ligei nostri insra dictum regnum nostrum Anglie nati;

Ac etiam quod iidem Franciscus Cleyne et Philippus de Maecht omnes et omnimodas libertates Franchesias et privilegia hujus regni nostri libere quiete et pacifice habere et possidere, eisque uti et gaudere possint tanquam ligei nostri, et eorum alter possit tanquam ligeus noster, infra dictum regnum nostrum Anglie oriundi, absque perturbatione impedimento molestia vexatione calumpnia seu gravamine nostri heredum et sucessorum nostrorum vel aliquorum aliorum quorumeunque; Aliquo statuto actu ordinatione seu provisione in contrarium inde, antehac editis factis ordinatis seu provisis, aut aliqua alia re caufa vel materià quacunque, in aliquo non obstante:

Proviso semper quod iidem Franciscus Cleyne et Philippus de Maecht homagium ligeum nobis faciant, ac Lott et Scott, prout

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vant et dontribuant, et eorum alter solvat et contribuant, et eorum alter solvat et contribuat ut est justum, solvantque iidem Franciscus et Philippus nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris custumas et subsidia probonis et marchandizis suis, prout alienigene solvant et solvere consueverunt.

Proviso etiam semper quod iidem Franciscus et Philippus ad omnes et singulas ordinationes actus statuta et proclamationes hujus regni nostri, tam edita quam impostrum edenda, teneantur et obedientes sint, et corum alter teneatur et obediens sit, juxta formam statuti in ea parte nuper editi et provisi.

In cujus rei, &c,

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicefimo octavo die Maii.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

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* De Concessione ad Vitam Francisco
Cleyne.

To all, to whome their presents shall come, Greeting:

Knowe yee that wee, for certeyne good causes and considerations us hereunto moving, of our especiall grace, certeyne knowledge and meere motion, have given and granted, and by theis presents for us our heires and fucceffors, doe give and graunte unto our trustie and welbeloved Francis Cleyne, a certeine annuitie or pension of one hundred poundes by the year, to have hold and enjoy the faid annuitie or penfion of one hundred poundes of lawfull money of England by the yeare, to the faid Francis Cleyne, from the feast of the blessed Virgin last past before the date hereof, for and during the terme of his naturall life, to be perceived and received by him the faid Francis Cleyne or his affignes, out of the treasure of us our heires and fuccessors, at the receipt of the exchequer of us our heires and fuccessors, by the handes of the treasurer, undertreasurer and chamberlaynes of us our

^{*} Rymer, vol. xviii. p. 112.

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heires and fuccessors there from tyme to tyme being, at the fower usual feastes or termes of the yeare, that is to say, at the seastes of the Nativitie of St. John Baptist, St. Michaell the Archangell, the Byrth of our Lord God, and the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, by even and equall portions to be paied,

Although expresse mention, &c.

In witnes, '&c,

Witnes our selfe at Westminster, the fourth day of June.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

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